

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



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



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**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 12 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2023, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
**RACHEL M. MILLER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS – 2.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, DONNA M. PELIGIAN, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE E. GIRARD, CLERK LIAISON, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR**

**(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS JOINS THE MEETING)**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR JUSTIN M. ROIAS**.

"Colleagues and residents of Providence, as we gather today in this chamber, let us take a moment to reflect on our shared commitment to the well-being of our city and all its residents. During this prayer let us acknowledge that every person regardless of their background deserves dignity, equality and the opportunity to thrive. We recognize our actions today that have the power to shape the future of our city and impact the lives of its residents. We understand and respect that people hold diverse beliefs when it comes to matters of faith or the existence of higher power. Therefore, let us come together honoring the rich perspectives within our community. For those who find comfort in their faith, I invite you to connect with that presence during this moment of reflection and for those who do not adhere to a particular faith let us draw strength from our shared humanity and our unwavering commitment to justice and compassion. Grant us the strength to confront and dismantle the systemic pressures that hinder the progress of our community. May we find the courage to challenge injustice wherever it resides and remain steadfast in our pursuit of social equality. Let us remember that incrementalism alone is not enough. We must strive for the transformative change that addresses the root causes of inequity. May we listen deeply to the voices of those who live on the margins within our city seeking wisdom and guidance from their experiences. Let us amplify their voices and assure that every perspective is valued and heard within the spaces we create. May empathy and compassion guide us as we make life altering decisions from these seats we hold reminding us of the interconnectedness of our struggles. The true liberation of our city can only be realized when every member is free from discrimination and inequality. In our endeavor to address pressing issues such as affordable housing, education, healthcare and environmental sustainability we humbly seek your guidance. Grant us the vision to develop policies that prioritize the well-being of the most vulnerable among us. Let us express gratitude for the diversity that enriches our city. May our differences serve as a unifying force transcending divisions and enabling us to celebrate and honor the contributions of every individual regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, religion or socio economic background. As we move forward from this moment may this prayer serve as a constant reminder of our shared responsibility to build a just and inclusive Providence. May love respect and liberation be the foundation upon reconstructing a future that embraces all. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 11 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 4, 2023.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

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### ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Calls for Nominations for One (1) Member of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System and Moves to open the elections for One (1) Vacancy on the Retirement Board of the Employee's Retirement System.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS** Nominates **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III** and this nomination is seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III**.

The Clerk cast One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Thereupon declares **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III**, duly elected as a member of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System for the ensuing term of four years ending on the first Monday in October, 2025.

**ELECTION OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE  
PROVIDENCE EXTERNAL REVIEW AUTHORITY (PERA)**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** calls for Nominations of Five (5) Members to the Providence External Review Authority (PERA).

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS** Nominates **SUSAN DERITA, MACHISTE RANKIN, IVAN MONTANEZ MONTOYA, NIGHT JEAN MUHINGABO AND REBECCA BUCCI**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **SUSAN DERITA, MACHISTE RANKIN, IVAN MONTANEZ MONTOYA, NIGHT JEAN MUHINGABO AND REBECCA BUCCI**.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** thereupon declares **SUSAN DERITA, MACHISTE RANKIN, IVAN MONTANEZ MONTOYA, NIGHT JEAN MUHINGABO AND REBECCA BUCCI** duly elected as members of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA), for the ensuing term of Three Years ending on December 31, 2025.

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**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS JOINS THE MEETING**

**APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 3, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1105 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 **William K. Sherry** as his designee on the **City Plan Commission**.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 8, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 604 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 **Jeanne M. Pascone** of 10 Orchard Street, East Providence, Rhode Island 02914, as the **Acting Recorder of Deeds**.

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 8, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 604 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 **Jeanne M. Pascone** of 10 Orchard Street, East Providence, Rhode Island 02914, as the **Recorder of Deeds** and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 8, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 6 and 7 and Refers item 8 to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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## **ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING**

**The Following Ordinance was in City Council May 4, 2023, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

**COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, VARGAS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Section 17-8 "Restriction on Employment of Persons Drawing City Pension" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Section 1. Chapter 17, "Officers and Employees", Section 17-8 "Restriction on Employment of Persons Drawing City Pension" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 17 - 8 - Restriction on Employment of Persons Drawing City Pension

- (a) No person receiving a pension from the city or from any pension fund to which the city contributes, shall be regularly employed in or by any department of the city, with pay or compensation for his work or services payable from the city treasury, unless he/she first shall waive in writing his/her right to receive such pension or part thereof accruing for or during the period of such employment, and shall file such waiver or a copy thereof in the office of the city controller, provided, however;

- i. any member who has retired may be re-employed by the city for a period of not more than seventy-five (75) working days or one hundred fifty (150) half-days with half-day pay in any one (1) calendar year without any forfeiture of or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowances said member is receiving or may receive as a retired worker; and
- ii. any retired member of the Providence Police Department who is deemed eligible pursuant to the Police Department's Policy and the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3 to be re-employed by the city to work construction details and/or special event details, may be re-employed by the city for such purpose for a period of not more than one hundred fifty (150) working days or three hundred (300) half-days with half-day pay in any one (1) calendar year without any forfeiture of or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowances said member is receiving or may receive as a retired worker.

Pension payments shall be suspended whenever ~~this~~ either of these periods are is exceeded. No additional contributions shall be taken and no additional service credits shall be granted for this service.

- (b) In the event that a member returns to full time active service while the member's pension payments are suspended, upon cessation of service, and after proper notification to the retirement board, the member will receive retirement benefits based upon the member's total accrued service reduced by the amounts already received. Said amount shall not be reduced to an amount less than what the accrued service benefit had been provided to the member.

Notice of such employment shall be sent monthly to the retirement board by the employer and by the retired worker.

Section 3. Upon passage, this Ordinance shall be deemed effective as of January 1, 2022.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 9 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

### COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article VIII "Green and Complete Streets" and Chapter 15 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic".

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### COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Administration", Article VI "City Solicitor" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 10 and 11, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 10 and 11 to the Committee on Ordinances.**

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

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

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

Waste Management of Rhode Island (Department of Public Works)	\$8,872,775.00 Option 1 Year
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Ratification of Contractual Agreement by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (1)(2) and (5).

Rhode Island Resource Recovery  
(Department of Public Works)

\$8,200,000.00

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

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Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Achievement First Rhode Island, Inc., for an initial period not to exceed twenty years and total period not to exceed forty years, for the property at the Charles N. Fortes Elementary School at 234 Daboll Street.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 14, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

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

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

Resolution Recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

**WHEREAS**, The Jewish American community has made significant contributions to our nation throughout its history, playing a vital role in shaping our nation's culture, economy, and social fabric; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and honor the rich history and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans, highlighting their contributions to our nation's development and success; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jewish American community has faced discrimination, prejudice, and acts of hate throughout history, and has shown great resilience and strength in the face of these challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council condemns all acts of hate and violence against the Jewish American community, and calls upon all citizens to reject and actively oppose anti-Semitism and discrimination in all forms.

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the ongoing struggles and challenges the Jewish American community faces, including rising anti-Semitism and hate crimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence.

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

Resolution welcoming the Golden Rule Sailboat to Providence, Rhode Island in support of a Nuclear Free World.

**WHEREAS**, The dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945, with the destruction of Hiroshima and, three days later, the destruction of Nagasaki; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Providence has a record of advocating for peace to a troubled world; and

**WHEREAS**, The Golden Rule, The first peace vessel, has been an icon and a symbol of peace since its first voyage in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, The Golden Rule did not complete its first anti-nuclear weapons voyage to protest nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, but generated immense international support and sympathy and formed an integral part of peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, The Golden Rule was salvaged by a group of Veterans for Peace and Quakers in Humboldt Bay in 2009, repaired and relaunched June of 2015, and has sailed to multiple ports providing education presentations sending the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the home of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, the peacemaking roots of The Golden Rule include a belief that each individual, regardless of color, race, creed or nationality, is sacred, and that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to all individuals, groups, and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the ancient concept of the oneness of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, House Resolution H 6173 Welcoming The Golden Rule sailboat to Rhode Island in Support of a Nuclear-Free World was passed by the Rhode Island House on March 21, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The Golden Rule is scheduled to visit Providence, Rhode Island, India Point Park, in the month of June, from June 11 to June 14.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby Extends its collective best wishes to The Golden Rule sailboat, its organizers, supporters, and volunteers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council, in consideration of all of the above, do hereby proclaim and enthusiastic welcome to The Golden Rule sailboat in support of a nuclear-free world on behalf of all of the citizens of this City, and be it further resolved that a certified copy be transmitted to Ms. Helen Jaccard, Golden Rule Project Manager.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and The Golden Rule Project Manager.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

Resolution in Support of a 2023 Federal Green New Deal.

**WHEREAS**, The Green New Deal calls on the federal government to address climate change along with achieving other social aims like job creation and reducing economic inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, Because the United States has emitted more global Greenhouse gas since the Industrial Revolution than any other nation, the United States and its cities have a moral obligation to make significant cuts to emissions and invest in building the resilience of vulnerable communities on the frontlines of climate change locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has declared that to avoid climate catastrophe, global emissions must be halved by 2030 and at net zero by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Passing a Federal Green New Deal is long overdue and must not be delayed any longer; and

**WHEREAS**, An inadequate response to climate change will increase the risk of economic and environmental disruptions, such as more severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and an increase in environmental migration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports a 2023 Federal Green New Deal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Office of Sustainability, and the entire Rhode Island Federal Delegation.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 15 through 17 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO**

Resolution in Support of Decibel Reader Trainings for Providence Police.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 18 to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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

Resolution Recognizing the month of May each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**WHEREAS**, The month of May is federally recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month per Presidential Proclamation 6130 which was signed into law on May 7, 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Generations of Asian Pacific Americans have played a key role in the City of Providence's growth and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, people of Asian and Pacific ancestry continue to bring significant contributions to the city by setting high standards of achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) have played a vital role in the building of this nation, from Chinese immigrants constructing the transcontinental railroad, to Japanese, Korean, and Filipino immigrants building a thriving economy in areas such as Hawaii and California, to the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian people who have made substantial contributions to the Providence community; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is intended to highlight and celebrate Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islanders are an integral part of the Providence community, as frontline workers, educators, artists, activists, business owners, policymakers, veterans, military service members, youth sports coaches, medical professionals, and many other areas in which they help our city move forward; and

**WHEREAS**, In the wake of increasingly violent attacks against the AAPI communities across the country, it has never been more important to recognize the contributions of our AAPI community; celebrate and support our AAPI and immigrant communities' cultural heritage; and fight back against anti-Asian racism and white supremacy in order to meet this moment and transform our systems to see and value every life; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Providence takes this month to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history, culture, and achievements of the country as a whole and to the City of Providence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognizes the month of May each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

Resolution Establishing a Ceremonial Designation along Orms Street as "Maryellen Goodwin Memorial Way".

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 20, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 20 to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

**COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES**

Resolution Recognizing Memorial Day.

**WHEREAS**, On the last Monday of the month of May, our Nation observes Memorial Day, a Federal holiday commemorating the men and women who died in the service of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, The service and sacrifice of active duty service members, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families are unparalleled; and

**WHEREAS**, Active duty service members, National Guard members, reservists, and veterans have risked life and limb to protect the American people and uphold the rights and freedoms of the people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day provides an opportunity for all Americans to pay tribute to those who have fallen and to honor their service and commitment to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council expresses its deepest gratitude to the families of fallen service members, whose sacrifice and service are an inspiration to us all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes Memorial Day as a day of solemn remembrance and gratitude for the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council encourages the Providence community to observe this day with solemnity and to participate in local events and ceremonies that honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services.

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES AND  
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

Resolution Recognizing the Month of May as Lupus Awareness Month.

**WHEREAS**, Lupus is a chronic disease that can cause inflammation and pain in any part of your body. It's an autoimmune disease, which means that your immune system attacks healthy tissue instead; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that 1.5 million Americans, and at least five million people worldwide, have a form of lupus; and

**WHEREAS**, Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age. However, men, children, and teenagers develop lupus, too; and

**WHEREAS**, People with lupus can experience significant symptoms, such as pain, extreme fatigue, hair loss, cognitive issues, and physical impairments that affect every facet of their lives. Many suffer from cardiovascular disease, strokes, disfiguring rashes, and painful joints. For others, there may be no visible symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, Lupus is two to three times more prevalent among African American, Hispanic/Latina, Asian American, Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander women than among White women; and

**WHEREAS**, A 2016 study published in Nature Reviews Rheumatology found that the average annual direct healthcare cost of a person with lupus was \$33,223; and

**WHEREAS**, The study also determined that the average annual productivity cost (lost hours of economic productivity due to lupus) was between \$1,252 and \$20,046; and

**WHEREAS**, The average annual total costs for people with lupus combining direct and indirect costs can be as high as \$50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, A Lupus Foundation of America survey found 55 percent of lupus patients reported a complete or partial loss of their income because they no longer are able to work full time due to complications of lupus.; and

**WHEREAS**, There is currently no known cure for lupus, and the cause of the disease is still unknown, making research and education critical to improving diagnosis, treatment, and care for individuals living with lupus; and

**WHEREAS**, Lupus Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of lupus on individuals and families, promote early diagnosis and access to care, and support ongoing research efforts to better understand and treat the disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes the month of May as Lupus Awareness Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Lupus Foundation of America.

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution in Honor of National Armed Forces Day.

*WHEREAS*, National Armed Forces Day is celebrated in the United States every year on the third Saturday of May; and

*WHEREAS*, National Armed Forces Day was first established in 1949 by President Harry S. Truman in order to establish a single holiday to celebrate and thank military members for their service to the republic and national interests; and

*WHEREAS*, National Armed Forces Day recognizes all five U.S. Military Branches, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard; and

*WHEREAS*, It is a quintessential act of patriotism and national pride to honor all those who serve and protect our country; and

*WHEREAS*, We encourage members and all citizens to take steps to show support and appreciation for all returning troops throughout the month of May; and

*WHEREAS*, We commend the actions of private citizens and organizations who volunteer to support America's wounded warriors; and

*WHEREAS*, We honor and recognize the sacrifices made by the members of the Armed Forces, and that of their families; and

*WHEREAS*, We understand that the American people are forever grateful to the members of the Armed for the service they have provided to the United States.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby celebrates and honors National Armed Forces Day.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Offices of every member of Rhode Island Federal Delegation, and the Rhode Island National Guard.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 21 through 23 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5160, An Act Relating to Financial Institutions - Licensed Activities - Lenders and Loan Brokers - Check Cashing.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 24, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 24 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON AND VARGAS**

Resolution Calling upon Governor McKee and Rhode Island State Leaders to urgently address the Homelessness Crisis.

*WHEREAS*, The homelessness crisis in Rhode Island is an urgent and pressing issue that requires immediate action; and

*WHEREAS*, The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness has reported that, as of March 2023, 1395 Rhode Islanders are currently experiencing literal homelessness; and

*WHEREAS*, The number of individuals experiencing housing insecurity in the State has increased significantly in recent years, with a particular rise in unsheltered homelessness; and

*WHEREAS*, Addressing homelessness requires a collective and empathetic approach from both the government and society. It's not solely an individual problem, but a systemic issue that demands a comprehensive solution. and

*WHEREAS*, Having a stable home is essential for individuals and families to maintain employment, pursue education, access healthcare, and participate fully in their communities; and

*WHEREAS*, Without an immediate commitment from State and local leaders to provide expanded safe shelter space, the homeless crisis currently facing our state will continue to grow; and

*WHEREAS*, As public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Rhode Island, Governor McKee, and our Rhode Island State Leaders have a moral obligation to help those who are homeless and to enact policies that will urgently address the homelessness crisis in our State.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon Governor Dan McKee and Rhode Island State Leaders to urgently address the homelessness crisis.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor Dan McKee, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the General Treasurer, Housing Secretary Pryor, the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Providence Delegation.

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**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an easement with Narragansett Electric Company doing business as Rhode Island Energy, over, under, and across a portion of city-owned land at 60 Kossuth Street (Assessor's Plat 63, Lot 354), near William D'Abate Elementary School.

***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 60 Kossuth Street (Assessor's Plat 63 Lot 354), near William D'Abate Elementary School. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into the easement attached as Exhibit A.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 25 and 26 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

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

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND  
COUNCILOR PICHARDO, (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).

Special Event Support Grantees (Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)	\$200,000.00
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**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).

Special Event Support Grantees (Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)	\$200,000.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply to various vendors, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1).

Various Vendors \$1,501,625.18  
(Office of Economic Opportunity)

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

Various Vendors \$1,501,625.18  
(Office of Economic Opportunity)

Alliance of Rhode Island Southeast Asian for Education  
AS220  
Boys and Girls of Providence  
Comprehensive Community Action Program  
Goodwill of Southern New England  
Inspiring Minds  
Multicultural Innovation Center  
Providence Housing Authority  
Refugee Dream Center  
The Center for Dynamic Learning  
Southside Community Land Trust  
Federal Hill House Association

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

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

Bentley Builders, Inc. \$1,452,849.00  
(Parks Department)

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

Bentley Builders, Inc. \$1,452,849.00  
(Parks Department)

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

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

Torrado Architects \$2,859,000.00

(Public Property)

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

Torrado Architects \$2,859,000.00  
(Public Property)

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

Pranzi Catering \$2,222.50  
(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).

Pranzi Catering \$2,222.50  
(Department of Public Works)

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 27 through 31 and Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,  
RENEWAL AND PLANNING  
COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS, Chairwoman**

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

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO**

An Ordinance Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Program Year 2023-2024 and Authorizing the Department of Planning and Development to submit the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA Budget and Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 32 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [13 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Council President Miller – 1

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

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

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND  
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**

Resolution Establishing a Ceremonial Designation along India Street as Portugal Parkway.

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Orlando Mateus, Honorable Joseph Lima, the Rhode Island Day of Portugal along with the City of Providence, justifies renaming India Street to Portugal Parkway.

*WHEREAS*, The Portuguese are a significant group, and they deserve our attention. The renaming of India Street to Portugal Parkway is a dignified tribute to the Portuguese heritage which pioneered and helped build the Fox Point neighborhood.

*WHEREAS*, From 1865 to the 1930s Fox Point and India Point Park became the heart of Portuguese immigration in the State of Rhode Island. Portuguese immigration began with modest numbers in the eighteenth century to the increasing influx in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. By the early 1900s, the Portuguese were the tapestry of the Fox Point neighborhood.

*WHEREAS*, The Fabre Line and its fleet of steamships began operating the Mediterranean trade in 1865 and continued until the 1930s. Its ports of call were Providence, Boston, New York, and between transatlantic stops at various ports in the Azores, Lisbon Portugal, and throughout the Mediterranean. Most Portuguese immigrants arriving in Rhode Island were from the Azores. It wasn't until 1910 that continentals facing social and political upheaval began emigrating to Rhode Island and New England.

*WHEREAS*, The Portuguese came, and they settled. They played a vital role in the economy of Rhode Island. These immigrant families came for a stable life, asking little from the state except for the opportunity to work and prosper. They bought homes, worked the lands, and shared their artisanship and hardy workforce in the whaling, fishing, textile, and jewelry industries. Portuguese families grew and flourished, children attended schools, and churches and clubs sprung up throughout Fox Point and the state.

*WHEREAS*, Religion unified the Portuguese immigrant community in the new land, and it still plays a vital role in the Portuguese community and culture. The church provided more than religious services and hope, it reinforced values and family structure. In 1886 the first Portuguese-American parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, was established on Wickenden Street. In 1897 the construction for a larger church began, and in 1906 the church was consecrated at its current location on Traverse Street. Our Lady of the Rosary Church has become the beacon of the Portuguese community, (the oldest active Portuguese-American parish in North America) which proudly towers beside Interstate 195, a geographical icon in the landscape of the City of Providence.

*WHEREAS*, The Portuguese are a resilient culture, as with most immigrants, Portuguese were, are, looked down upon, called "greenhorns," "portagees" ridiculed, and made to feel inferior for their speech and dress. They have endured and prospered. Today, young Portuguese is part of the states and nation's framework. Today they are witnessing tremendous growth of the Portuguese middle class that is making a presence felt in politics, professional services, and in all sectors of Rhode Island's economy.

**WHEREAS**, Growth, economic and urban development, has brought a much deserved appeal to Fox Point and the City of Providence, but at a cost of displacement to neighborhood families which has slowly eroded the Portuguese language, and heritage in Fox Point.

**WHEREAS**, Urban growth is vital to city neighborhoods but equally valuable is the preservation of history and traditions. The Portuguese are a significant group, and they deserve our attention. Fox Point and India Point Park became the core of Portuguese immigration. The Fox Point neighborhood was home to many generations of Portuguese immigrants. India Point Park is the site for many “Day of Portugal-June 10th” Portuguese Heritage Festivals. The NRP Sagres, a Portuguese navy tall ship, has docked several times at India Point to commemorate June 10<sup>th</sup>, the official holiday commemorating Portuguese culture.

**WHEREAS**, The establishment of a Ceremonial Designation along India Street to Portugal Parkway is a dignified commemoration of the Portuguese heritage which pioneered and helped build the Fox Point neighborhood and brought strength and economic prosperity to the State of Rhode Island.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby acknowledge the historic significance and contributions of the Portuguese population to the Fox Point neighborhood, by establishing a Ceremonial Designation along India Street as Portugal Parkway.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the Ceremonial Designation of Portugal Parkway.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Department of Public Works, the Traffic Engineer, Mr. Orlando Mateus, Honorable Joseph Lima, and the Rhode Island Day of Portugal Nonprofit Organization.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 33 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

James Ning  
Dioberguina Grullon  
    (Joseph J. Vocola, Esquire)  
Amica Mutual Insurance Company  
    a/s/o Nikki Snyder  
Miguel Liriano  
Jonathan Stewart  
Natalie S. Nolan  
Veolia Water  
Sofia Falla and Lamayah Brown  
    (David A. Macari, Esquire)  
Sherlyn Sanchez Perez  
    (Frank L. Orabona, Jr., Esquire)  
Ralph F. Gilbert, Jr.  
Beverly DiLorenzo  
    (Thomas E. Badway, Esquire)  
Jaimie Giarrusso  
State Farm Mutual Ins Co  
    a/s/o Elizabeth Gerardo  
Jane Morais p.p.a Adriel Ponte  
    (Michael J. Farley, Esquire)  
Yadira Mejia  
Ana Nix  
    (Robert V. Russo, Esquire)  
Peter & Jennifer Fuvich  
Antron Dean  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
    a/s/o Antonio Tudino  
Nicole DeAngelis

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

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated May 12, 2023, pursuant to Resolution 2023-138, approved March 16, 2023, submitting the Engagement and Fee Agreement with Wistow, Sheehan & Loveley, P.C., as attorneys for the City Council in respect to Superior Court Case Harrisburg Associates, LLC, et al. v. City of Providence, et al., C.A. No. PC-2020-04757 ("Harrisburg v. Providence").

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Communication from James J. Lombardi, III, Attorney at Law, Certified Public Accountant, dated May 12, 2023, Informing the Council President of his retirement effective May 5, 2023.

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Fact Sheet from Valerie Reishuk Organizer, Providence Coalition, relative to Pedestrian Safety in America.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 through 37, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 34 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 35 through 37.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

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

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

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

Jaylene Sara Guevara, in recognition of the celebration on your leadership accomplishments of the Guaba Internship Program.

Marilyn Ellen Barahona Velasquez, in recognition of the celebration on your leadership accomplishments of the Guaba Internship Program.

James J. Lombardi, III, City Treasurer/Senior Advisor to the Council, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Rhode Island Black Business Association, in recognition of the celebration of your Annual Meeting "Reimagine the World Beyond Barriers" Event and for your extensive commitment to minority business development.

Detective Dan O'Connell, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Kelsey Shea, in recognition of your support of the Providence community and your efforts to make the Wanskuck neighborhood a more beautiful place.

Chloe Kuzmeskas, in recognition of your support of the Providence community and your efforts to make the Wanskuck neighborhood a more beautiful place.

Alejandro Rosa, in recognition of your support of the Providence community and your efforts to make the Wanskuck neighborhood a more beautiful place.

Chelsea DeCesare, in recognition of your service and dedication to the Providence City Council. You will be greatly missed!

Nancy Maguire, Director, Rhode Island School of Design, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 11 years of dedicated service.

Arianna Aaliyah Adrian, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Noemi Ajanel Velasquez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Efrain David Almonte, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Renatto R. Andrade Aguinaga, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Gabriel Adetayo Aofolajuwonlo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Oluwatomiwa Ayotunde Badejo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Ivelise M. Benzant, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Briant Bourdier, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jalayah M. Bullock, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Frankie D. Burgos, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Celeste Rocio Calderon Vargas, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Gabriela Carrillo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Rainer D. Castillo Rodriguez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Fatoumata Mama Cisse, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Angelene Connors, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Yangelis Diaz Espinal, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Shawn Dudley, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Arlen Lyle Eckenrod, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Abdriel M. Espada Ruiz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Estuardo David Estrada, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Emely Garcia Rodriguez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jeymy Garcia Rosales, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Matthew Gilbert, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Joel Gomes, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Ramiah J. Gomes, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Valentina Gonzalez-Cuevas, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Bella Rosa Hernandez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Dafne Herrera Cruz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Aiden Mario Jack, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Janiyah Adelina Jackson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Ambar Jimenez Abud, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Nevaeh Keimara Passion John, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Lily Madelyn Johnson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Pharrell Y. Johnson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Amani Jones, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Imani Jones, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Sebastian Julia Rios, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jeric Mateo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Liccien C. Matute Gomez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Justin H. Mayorga, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jovan Marquis McClain, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Avianne Z. McLean, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Yabdiel A. Meja Hernandez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jaiden Melendez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Iara Cilene Mendes Goncalves, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Edith Mendez Rosales, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jordy Jovan Montepeque, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Marlon Ivan Mota, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Halal Mulugeta, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Sovipearl Nuon, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Marielis Ocasio, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Oluwatumininu Oluwademilade Olumide, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Allesandra M. Ortiz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Angel Danilo Ortiz Morales, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Larissa Marie Ortiz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jelmarieli Ortiz Garcia, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Delilah Pacheco, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Nicole Paula, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Arianna Pena Acosta, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Santos Perez Boj, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Laure-Neihjjie Pierre, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Holly Porras Vasquez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Amiliyan S. Puth, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jacob Rajotte, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jayden Ramirez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Julyssa Holly Ramirez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Elvis H. Revolorio Najera, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Engelver Reyes, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Seyarah Richardson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Alberto A. Rivera, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Angel Mishelle Rivera, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Maria Elena Riz Tecun, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Randy O. Rondon Rodriguez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jayden Sabbat, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Angelis Marie Sanchez Rodriguez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Zael Santiago Ramos, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Ayva Marie Satanoski, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Wilka Sena Henriquez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Nataysia Mavis Sims, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jose Soberanis, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Yannel Soberanis, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Allen Souvanvong, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Cristofer Suchite Castaneda, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Kevin Taylor, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Diovanny Tejada, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Jeter Tejada, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Yaritza Tejada, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Pathe Tolo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Steven Tropman Contreras, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Adriana Michaela Vargas, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation.

Raymond Pontarelli, Jr., Owner, Sunshine Auto Detailing and Cleaning, Inc., in recognition of the celebration of your 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Business.

Nancy Taveras, Owner, Beauty Lounge Hair Salon, in recognition of the celebration of the re-opening of your salon!

Isidro D'Leon Betancourt, in recognition of the celebration of your 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 14, 2023.

Rhode Island Housing, in recognition of the celebration of your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1973-2023.

Jessica Ricardo, in recognition of being the recipient of the Sojourner House Legacy Award.

Carolyn Mark, in recognition of being the recipient of the Sojourner House Community Champion Award.

Diamond Fortez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Sojourner Truth Survivor Award.

Jessica Ricardo, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Legacy Award.

John Healey, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of being the recipient of the Civic Teacher of the Year Award.

Wat Lao Buddhovath of Rhode Island, in recognition of wishing the Laotian Community a Blessed, Happy and Prosperous New Year's Celebration!

Emmanuel Nunez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Rhode Island College, your hard work and determination have paid off. Enjoy your success!

Damarys Nunez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Rhode Island College, your hard work and determination have paid off. Enjoy your success!

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 38 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**RESULT:** PASSED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilwoman Harris  
**SECONDER:** Councilor Sanchez  
**AYES:** Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.  
**ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

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

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Sympathy to the families of the following:

Joanna F. Pinto

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 39 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**RESULT:** PASSED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilwoman Harris  
**SECONDER:** Councilor Sanchez  
**AYES:** Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.  
**ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS** , Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Katie Batchellor, Rose Lillian (Brunelle) Rousseau, Retired Providence Firefighter Deputy Chief James F. Kelly and Josephine Piro Raimando at 6:27 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**  
at **6:00 o'clock P.M.**



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

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