

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 21 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE – 10.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND TAYLOR – 5.

ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR.

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILOR KERWIN JOINS THE MEETING.)

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 03 2020
APPROVED:
Shawn Selleck CLERK
JLM

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS**.

"Let us just take a moment and just prepare our heart, souls and mind to greet our Heavenly Father in prayer. Heavenly Father, I come to You tonight asking You to bless us all Lord. Bless our families, bless our children Lord. You have given us a job Father, a job of leadership, a job to guide Your people, a job to make sure that we're using passion, love and bless each and every person in our lives. You allow us to be that person especially now Lord as we are faced with many trials before us Lord. As we are starting to think Lord about us as leaders, what our role is, how can we be helpful Lord? You will find us in this time of reason Lord and I know you will find us because we are all special and we have all been called into this leadership. Father, I ask You to teach us how to encourage each other, how to pray for each other even when we hear things Lord in times of trouble for each other. Father, I ask You to teach us how to be leaders of our communities and our neighborhoods and not be tumbleweeds, blowing back and forth with every error Lord, but to be patient and be still and wait for Your direction. Father, I pray this prayer every night, I pray this prayer, because we are in troubled times and You find us with Your most precious people on this earth, and Father, You also have given us the opportunity to see change being made right under our leadership. So, I pray for each and every one from our administration, from our government to Congress that we all, Father, be still and hear Your voice and do what You have assigned us to do. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEETINGS

Per Executive Order of Governor Raimondo it is appropriate and permissible for this council to hold this meeting via video conferencing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 17 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 18, 2020; Journal of Proceedings No. 18 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held June 25, 2020 and Journal of Proceedings No. 19 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held June 30, 2020, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 10
ABSENT:	Councilmen Correia, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 5.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Sec. 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Jason Almeida** of 116 Lancaster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2022.

Communication from His Honor Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Sec. 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Joe Haskett**, Senior Associate at Union Studio of 228 Transit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2022.

Communication from His Honor Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Sec. 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Xander Marro** of 848 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2022.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and Executive Order 2016-1, he is this day re-appointing **Daniel Moreno DeLuca** of 85 Hilary Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the **Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire on June 11, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and Executive Order 2016-1, he is this day re-appointing **Leo LaBelle** of 92 Modena Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the **Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire on June 11, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and Executive Order 2016-1, he is this day re-appointing **Jef Nickerson** of 61 Penn Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, to the **Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire on June 11, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and Executive Order 2016-1, he is this day re-appointing **Dina Quezada** of 85 Hilary Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the **Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire on June 11, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Meg Clurman** of 69 Weymouth Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Center Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Rick Simone** of 83 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 42-63.1-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day re-appointing **Stephanie Fortunato**, Director of Art, Culture and Tourism for the City of Providence, to the **Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau** for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 4 through 13 into the record, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the Several Communications.

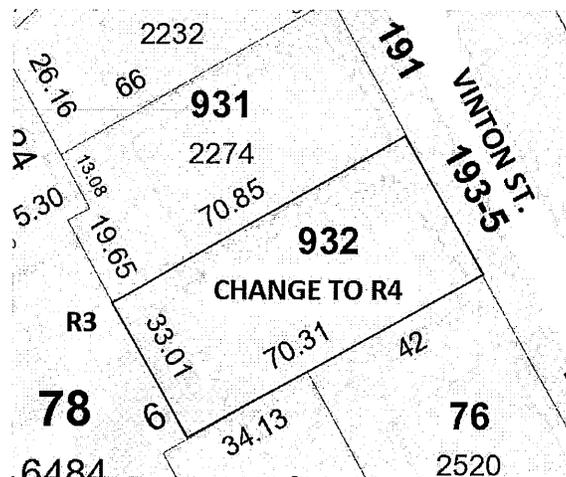
RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council July 2, 2020, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

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 28, Lot 932 (193 Vinton Street), from R-3 to R-4 and to Exempt Such Lot from Certain Dimensional Regulations.

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 for the property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lot 932 (193 Vinton Street), from R-3 to R-4. A Note Shall be Placed on the Official Zoning Map that States: "Said lot is not subject to Article 4, Table 4-1: Residential District Dimensional Standards, R-4 Bulk Standards, Minimum Lot Area; said lot is compliant with Article 14, Section 1410 (B)(8), existing structure parking exemptions; said lot is subject to the condition that the existing interior building envelope shall not be expanded; and said lot is subject to the condition that there be no more than six (6) dwelling units."



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 10
ABSENT:	Councilmen Correia, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 5.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, (By Request):

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Eighty Eight Million Five Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$88,572,774), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-94, Effective October 11, 2019.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-107, Effective October 11, 2019.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Two Million Fifty Three Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$2,053,020), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$5,380,464), for the Water Supply Board Chemical Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30,2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$1,311,372), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Fifty Million Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$50,037,272) for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Million Nine Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$4,908,329) for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Six Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$1,697,719) for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$1,833,852) for the Water Supply Board Lead Service Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$584,840) for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Eight Hundred Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars (\$800,105) for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Million Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars (\$5,311,209) for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, (By Request):

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$255,258) for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the reading of items 15 through 28, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places", adding Article VII, "Street and Sidewalk Sweeping".

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

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

Waste Management of Rhode Island \$7,143,000.00
(Department of Public Works)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, (By Request):

Resolution requesting that pursuant to Section 402 of the Providence Home Rule Charter, and at the request of the Executive Director of the Providence External Review Authority as required by Section 18 ½ - 2 §(h)(2) and (s) of the Providence Code of Ordinances, the Providence City Council hereby issues a subpoena compelling the Commissioner of Public Safety make available all body camera footage in the investigation of Sgt. Joseph Hanley to the Providence External Review Authority within one week of the date of issuance of this subpoena.

BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 402 of the Providence Home Rule Charter, and at the request of the Executive Director of the Providence External Review Authority as required by Section 18 ½ - 2 §(h)(2) and (s) of the Providence Code of Ordinances, the Providence City Council hereby issues a subpoena compelling the Commissioner of Public Safety make available all body camera footage in the investigation of Sgt. Joseph Hanley to the Providence External Review Authority within one week of the date of issuance of this subpoena.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN
IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE**

Resolution requesting the Director of the Department of Planning and Development
Promulgate Rules regarding Administrative Tax Stabilization Agreements.

WHEREAS, Chapter 21, Article XVI, titled “Tax Predictability for Commercial and Multi-Family Residential Property”, provides the mechanism by which certain development projects within the City of Providence can apply for tax stabilization agreements with the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-261 designates properties located within the I-195 redevelopment land as eligible properties for administrative tax stabilization agreements; and

WHEREAS, A tax stabilization agreement provides a developer with an incremental increase in their taxes over the course of several years before the final project is ultimately taxed at its full, post development, value; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-266, titled “Employment and Contracts”, lays out the specific employment criteria that all developers are required to abide by in exchange for the City providing the developer with an incentivized tax structure; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 21-266, the Director of the Department of Planning is provided broad authority to amend or exempt sections of a tax stabilization agreement should a developer petition to do so; and

WHEREAS, The employment criteria required by Section 21-261 is critical to expanding employment opportunities within the City, as well as developing the local economy, and it is imperative that the Director of Planning promulgate stringent rules and regulations that govern any decision to provide relief from those requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Director of Planning and Development promulgate strict rules and regulations governing the procedure by which petitions for relief from Section 21-261 are vetted and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Planning and Development.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,
COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN
KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE**

Resolution requesting the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Inspection & Standards Implement a Security Deposit Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence Department of Inspections and Standards is tasked with enforcement of the State Building Code within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, There are circumstances wherein certain buildings are deemed to be in violation of the Building Code to such an extent that it the structure can no longer be deemed habitable; and

WHEREAS, When a structure is deemed no longer habitable the Department of Inspections and Standards is forced to condemn the structure which can result in the removal of tenants from their current place of residence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence currently provides temporary rehousing for displaced tenants by providing hotel rooms for these individuals for a short period of time, however there is no guarantee of securing permanent housing for these displaced tenants; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence must ensure that tenants displaced as a result of condemnation actions or a fire are relocated to new permanent residences within the City so that they are not put in jeopardy of becoming homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the Planning Department and the Department of Inspections and Standards coordinate their efforts to create a security deposit assistance program for tenants displaced either as a result of City condemnation actions or by a fire so that those tenants can receive grant assistance in securing permanent housing within the limits of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a *copy* of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of Planning, and the Director of Inspections and Standards.

COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, MILLER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO, HARRIS, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

Resolution requesting that the City shall commit to transforming into an anti-racist institution by following the “Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization” by continuing to support and invest in structures, programs and policies that align with the Just Providence Framework and Climate Justice Plan.

WHEREAS, Providence was established on white supremacy culture which negatively impacts Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) communities. Examples include:

- The institution of slavery being Providence’s principal source of income;
- The displacement of indigenous peoples through violence and lies;
- The race riots of Hardscrabble and Snow Town leading to the formation of the Providence Police Department;
- The displacement of Black and Indigenous communities to build industrial sites, highways, and roads;
- The defunding of schools whose students are majority Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian;
- The over-policing of Black, Indigenous, and People of color neighborhoods;
- The tradition of placing toxic sites in and near Black, Indigenous, people of color neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Our current government was created at a time when discrimination was legal. Black people, Indigenous people, Immigrants as well as other identities were excluded from shaping these institutions; and

WHEREAS, The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond defines racism as Racial Prejudice plus Power; and

WHEREAS, It is not enough for the employees of Providence to be non-racist; City structures and policies need to be anti-racist; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Sustainability has partnered with frontline communities to create the Racial and Environmental Justice Committee and the Just Providence Framework to center racial equity in its work; and

WHEREAS, The Climate Justice Plan applied this framework to center frontline communities and addresses the root cause of the interconnected issues of public health, racism, climate and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, According to a recent study https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x0ydiQNQNwok5Y6_4SwtW1hXGIGHyTxY/view published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, in the United States, particulate matter (PM) air pollution is disproportionately induced by the racial-ethnic majority (white people) and disproportionately inhaled by racial-ethnic minorities in low-income communities (BIPOC); and

WHEREAS, Extended exposure to particulate matter (PM) can cause conditions such as asthma that increases the risk of contracting COVID-19, and pose long term risks to loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Areas with increased exposure to PM, have been linked to a 8% increase <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/covid-pm> in the death rate from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Climate Justice Plan is recognized as a national leader and model for community-centered planning, power-shifting, and climate justice; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Sustainability and frontline communities have the ongoing task of collaborating to implement and institutionalize the Climate Justice Plan. This includes updating existing policies such as zoning, developing new programs such as Green Justice Zones in Providence’s Frontline communities, and creating new policies outlined in the plan; and

WHEREAS, The climate crisis is an ongoing serious threat to Providence, especially its frontline communities and it is exacerbating health and economic inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City shall commit to transforming into an anti-racist institution by following the “Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization” by continuing to support and invest in structures, programs, policies that align with the Just Providence Framework and Climate Justice Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Sustainability is supported in the FY21 budget to improve the lives of Providence’s BIPOC communities in order to mitigate long-term climate threats and reduce the loss of life with solutions that result in clean air and water, climate-resilient low-income housing, community health, environmental justice, youth programs, and economic justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City will follow the Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership outlined in the Climate Justice plan and move towards collaborative governance decision-making processes that center those who are most impacted by the current health, environment, and economic crises.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 31 through 34 into the record and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, KERWIN, MILLER, LAFORTUNE,
COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL, IGLIOZZI AND SALVATORE**

Resolution Approving the final Community Choice Aggregation Plan and Authorizing the Plan to be submitted on its behalf to the Public Utilities Commission for Review and Approval.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence passed Resolution 395 on September 9, 2019 authorizing the Office of Sustainability to “research, develop and implement a plan to aggregate the retail electric loads within the City of Providence through a [Community Choice Aggregation] program in accordance with [Chapter 3, Section 1.2 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island]”; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence selected Good Energy, L.P. as its Community Choice Aggregation consultant on March 2, 2020 through a competitive RFP process; and

WHEREAS, A draft aggregation plan has been developed by the Office of Sustainability after *significant* public outreach and engagement, including community surveying and development of informational videos; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing on the draft aggregation plan was held on July 15, 2020 and, following the public hearing, public comments were incorporated into the final draft of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the *Public* Utilities Commission is required to review and approve the final aggregation plan before the program can be launched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the final Community Choice Aggregation Plan as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the final Community Choice Aggregation Plan to be submitted on its behalf to the Public Utilities Commission for review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Law Department is hereby authorized to coordinate with the City’s Community Choice Aggregation consultant to prepare and file all necessary documents with the Public Utilities Commission and respond appropriately to all further requests for information that may arise from the Public Utilities Commission proceedings.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Reconsider item number 35, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Resolution, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

Resolution Commemorating Nelson Mandela International Day.

WHEREAS, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela played a leading role in supporting Africa’s struggle for liberation and Africa’s unity through his outstanding contributions to the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela is world renown for his values and his dedication to the service of humanity, through his work as a humanitarian in the fields of conflict resolution, race relations, promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups, as well as the upliftment of poor and underdeveloped communities; and

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2009, the United Nations, by unanimous decision, launched Nelson Mandela International Day in recognition of Nelson Mandela’s birthday; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela International Day was inspired by Mr. Mandela’s call for the next generation to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world’s social injustices when he said that “it is in your hands now”; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela International Day is more than a celebration of his life and legacy, it is a global movement to honor his life’s work and to change the world for the better.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports the goals of Nelson Mandela International Day, recognizes the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, and commits to honoring Mr. Mandela’s life’s work of changing the world for the better.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

Resolution requesting the Department of Public Works immediately begin to address the City's rat problem.

WHEREAS, Council members have received numerous calls concerning an increase in rat activity within the City over the past several weeks; and

WHEREAS, In addition to a large rat colony that was recently discovered in the area around Rankin Avenue, which has been reported to the City, there has been a significant increase in the number of rat sightings being reported across the City; and

WHEREAS, Any increase in rat activity is a cause for alarm as rats are extremely effective at transmitting numerous diseases both directly and indirectly to surrounding human populations; and

WHEREAS, Without immediate intervention, the rat infestation issues within the City will continue to increase, thereby degrading the quality of life for local residents and creating a significant public health risk to the City as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the Department of Public Works immediately begin to address the City's rat problem by initiating a baiting schedule to remove all existing colonies or by hiring an outside contractor with the specific task of eliminating all rat colonies within the City forthwith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Public Works.

COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI

Resolution recognizing Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., for his Honorable Service as President of Providence College.

WHEREAS, Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. is the longest-serving president in the 100-year history of Providence College; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2020, Father Shanley's tenure as president of Providence College ended following fifteen years of guiding the school through a period of remarkable change and growth; and

WHEREAS, Under Father Shanley's presidency, the College built upon its proud heritage as a Catholic, liberal arts institution, sustained its commitment to its ideals, and modified both practices and facilities in ways that have enhanced its national profile and created a sustainable platform for long-term success; and

WHEREAS, Father Shanley has overseen a substantial transformation of the Providence College campus including the additions of the Ruane Center for the Humanities, the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, and the Ruane Friar Development Center, as well as a completely re-envisioned model for pedestrian and vehicular movement around the campus; and

WHEREAS, Father Shanley made diversity a high priority of his administration, establishing the advancement of diversity as one of the core values of both Providence College's 2011 Strategic Plan and its 2018 successor plan, which has resulted in the percentage of undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds almost tripling (to approximately 20 percent of the student body population) since 2005, and the percentage of diverse full-time faculty has risen from eight percent to 17 percent over the same time period; and

WHEREAS, Providence College is one of the ten largest employers within the City of Providence and a major driver of the local economy, and as a result of Father Shanley's leadership the College maintained a strong commitment to the City through more than 55,000 hours of student community service assisting over 150 different social service agencies, community groups, public, private and charter schools, and city **government** offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. for his dedicated service to the residents of the City of Providence through his 15 years serving as the President of Providence College.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 36 through 38 into the record and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Amend item number 38 by deleting "and is also the only Rhode Island native to ever serve as president", Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of items 36 and 37 and Moves Passage of item 38, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Resolution Commemorating Nelson Mandela International Day.

Resolution requesting the Department of Public Works immediately begin to address the City's rat problem.

RESULT: PASSED [11 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

Resolution recognizing Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., for his Honorable Service as President of Providence College.

RESULT: PASSED [10 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 10.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Kerwin – 1.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

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

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

**COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, ESPINAL, SALVATORE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND RYAN**

Resolution Requesting to re-name "Ardoene Park" to "Thomas Slater Park"

RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners is requested to re-name "Ardoene Park" to "Thomas Slater Park".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA

Resolution Requesting to change the address for the building identified as "30 Kennedy Plaza" and "63 Westminster Street" to "50 Westminster Street" and "90 Westminster Street".

RESOLVED, That the address for the building identified as "30 Kennedy Plaza" and "63 Westminster Street" be changed to "50 Westminster Street" and "90 Westminster Street".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 39 and 40 into the record and moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 10.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwomen Castillo, Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 5.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman**

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

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, MILLER,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

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 12 Regarding the Incinerator/Waste Facility Use Category.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,
TAYLOR AND GONCALVES**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Section 15-11 "Residential Parking/Standing of Certain Commercial Vehicles".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 41 and 42 into the record and moves Passage of the Several Resolutions the First Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE

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 amend Article 16, Section 1604, entitled "Illumination Standards" and Article 20, Section 2005, entitled "Nonconforming Signs".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Continue the foregoing Ordinance, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	CONTINUED
TO:	City Council

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

- Christine Demers
(George J. Vogel-Rosen, Esquire) (20-125)
- Clement Matthews (20-126)
- Kiriaki Tsiranides (20-127)
(Sharon Puerini, Legal Assistant, Esquire)
- Deborah J. Greene (20-128)
- Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Andover, MA
a/s/o Hussain Khawaja & Fatima Raza (20-129)
- Irma Moreta
(Christoper L. Crowley, Esquire) (20-130)
- Juan Hernandez
(Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire) (20-131)

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and Deming Sherman, Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, 1 Financial Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, he is this day appointing Lisa Carnevale as a member of the Capital Center Commission, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 17, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 21-221(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day appointing **Tom Parrish**, Executive Director of Trinity Repertory Company, as a member of the **Downtown Providence Management District Authorization Board of Directors** for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Report from Shawn Selleck, City Clerk, dated July 8, 2020, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of April 1, 2020 to and including June 30, 2020, in a total amount of Six Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$676.50).

Report from Shawn Selleck, City Clerk, dated July 8, 2020, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in a total amount of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ten Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$7,310.35).

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 45 through 48 into the record, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the Several Communications and Reports.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Ajiehume Ceesay, Woonsocket High School, in recognition of being awarded a summer internship in the 2020 Bank of America Rhode Island Student Leaders Program.

Cameron Kasbarian, Smithfield High School, in recognition of being awarded a summer internship in the 2020 Bank of America Rhode Island Student Leaders Program.

Autumn Lupoli, The Prout School, in recognition of being awarded a summer internship in the 2020 Bank of America Rhode Island Student Leaders Program.

Noelia Garcia, Juanita Sanchez High School, in recognition of being awarded a summer internship in the 2020 Bank of America Rhode Island Student Leaders Program.

Nah'laya Brown, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Yolianny Diaz, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Aisha Kamara, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Kian Lara, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Kenneth Mc Daniel, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Vashawn Richards, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Gabriele Villanueva-Peguero, in recognition of the celebration of their Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Karen Morel, RN, in recognition of the celebration of her Graduation from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Nursing.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzo, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Louis M. Khoury Jr.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzo, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Miller, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Samuel Vaughn at 7:07 o'clock P.M., to meet again **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020 at 4:15 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**