

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



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



**IN CITY COUNCIL**

JUL 06 2023

APPROVED:

*Tina L. Mastrosini* CLERK

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 17 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 5:00 o'clock P.M.**

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### **PRESIDING**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **RACHEL M. MILLER**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY AND GRAVES – 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 JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

## INVOCATION

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

"Heavenly Father, as I stand before you tonight and honor you Lord and pray for our City of Providence, we ask you this summer Father to bring safety upon our children and also protect us in a time of need. Father, provide food for the hungry and place a shelter for the person to have a roof over their head. God, we ask all these things in Jesus name we pray. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILMAN JAMES E. TAYLOR** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

### COMMUNICATION FROM

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER

Request filed with the City Clerk June 23, 2023, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be called on the 27th day of June, 2023 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to Napoleon Askie, City Sergeant, with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be called for the 27th day of June, 2023 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 1 and 2, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 1 and 2.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## LAID ON TABLE

**The Following Resolution was in City Council June 22, 2023, substituted, including Exhibit A and Laid on the Table:**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 416 of the City's Home Rule Charter, the Council must approve the lease of city-owned real property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor of the City of Providence is hereby authorized by this Council to enter into a lease agreement with Achievement First Rhode Island, Inc., for an initial period not to exceed five years and total period not to exceed twenty-five years, for the property at the Charles N. Fortes Elementary School at 234 Daboll Street, as presented in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to substitute Exhibit A, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Pass item 3 on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED [8 TO 5]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 8.
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilors Roias and Sanchez – 5.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Graves – 2.

**The Motion for Passage, As Amended is Sustained.**

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Retired Firefighter Gerald Penta and Tim Scanlon at 5:54 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023** at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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