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

IN CITY COUNCIL
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Lina L. Mastrocinque
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 2.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, YULY POLANCO, ASSISTANT CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR JOINS THE MEETING.)

INVOCATION

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

"Heavenly Father, we come before you with humble hearts, seeking new wisdom in your guidance as we carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us. Grant us the strength to lead with compassion, empathy and justice. We lift up all those in our city who are struggling, the unhoused, the hungry, the vulnerable and those facing hardship. May we never turn away from their needs, but instead work tirelessly as a body to build a community where all are treated with dignity and have the opportunity to thrive plus our effort's unit our hearts and whatever decisions reflect the love and mercy you call us to show one another. In your holy name we pray. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 5 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 20, 2025.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution Recognizing International Women's Day on March 8, 2025.

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is celebrated globally every year on March 8; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council honors the invaluable contributions of women of all ages, races, religions, and backgrounds to their families, communities, and professions; and

WHEREAS, Despite the barriers that perpetuate gender inequality, women across the globe have remained resilient, closing gender gaps in education and workforce representation, championing healthcare rights, breaking athletic records, balancing careers and families, leading countries, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, The representation of women on our City Council reflects the achievements and influence of women leaders, with women making up the majority of its members; and

WHEREAS, Yet, persistent barriers to true gender equality remain in all spheres of life, both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, While we celebrate the enormous accomplishments and impact of women and girls, we must not waver in our fight to achieve and sustain gender equality in Providence, the State, the nation, and the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, The empowerment of women and girls is inextricably linked to the potential of our City and the Providence City Council remains committed to uplifting all women and girls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council will honor women and girls on International Women's Day, March 8, 2025, and will celebrate with a special event on March 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Providence City Council reaffirms its obligation to advancing social, political, and economic equality for women, ensuring the safety and welfare of all women, and pursuing policies that guarantee and expand rights and opportunities of woman and girls.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution in Support of the Unionization Effort at Highlander Charter Elementary School.

WHEREAS, Educators play a critical role in shaping the future of our city, and their ability to collectively advocate for fair wages, benefits, and working conditions directly impacts the quality of education students receive; and

WHEREAS, The teachers and staff at Highlander Charter Elementary School have taken steps to unionize in pursuit of a stronger voice in their workplace, improved job stability, and better resources to support their students; and

WHEREAS, The right to organize is a fundamental labor right that has strengthened schools and workplaces by ensuring fair treatment and fostering collaboration between employees and administration; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council believes that good-faith negotiations between educators and school leadership are essential to reaching agreements that benefit both staff and students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council stands in solidarity with the educators at Highlander Charter Elementary School in their unionization efforts and calls on all parties to engage in fair and constructive negotiations with haste to reach a just agreement that strengthens both the school and its community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the administration of Highlander Charter Elementary School.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 and 5 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND VARGAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5223, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - The Rhode Island Civil Rights Enforcement Act.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5457, An Act Relating to Public Records - Access to Public Records.

RESULT:	**REFERRED**
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 and 7, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 6 and 7 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5512 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0191, An Act Relating to Taxation - Property Subject to Taxation.

RESULT:	**REFERRED**
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 8, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 8 to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND VARGAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5161, Joint Resolution Creating a Special Joint Legislative Commission to Study Public Ownership of Public Utilities.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5200, An Act Relating to Education - Rhode Island Early Educator Workforce Act.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5264, An Act Relating to Property - Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5321, An Act Relating to Human Services - Rhode Island Child Care For All Act.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5436, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0092, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Rideshare or Transportation Network Company Vehicle Surcharge.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0117, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Office of Health and Human Services.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0212, An Act Relating to Property - Residential Landlords and Tenant Act - Just Cause Evictions.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5029 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0125, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wages.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5120 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0053, An Act Relating to Insurance - Benefit Determination and Utilization Review Act.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5322, An Act Relating to Education - Teachers Retirement (See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act) and House Bill 2025 H-5339, An Act Relating to Education - Certification of Teachers.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5390 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0258, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Department of Public Safety - Victims of Crime Trauma Informed Mobilization Act.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5432 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0054, An Act Relating to Insurance - Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders.

RESULT:	**REFERRED**
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 9 through 21, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 9 through 21 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Opposing Reductions in NIH Grant Indirect Cost Rates.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the centrality of federally funded research to innovative medicine and economic growth within our city, in the nation, and in the world; and

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) funds essential research at universities, medical centers, and research institutions, including Brown University, the hospitals comprising the Brown University Health and Care New England health systems, and EpiVax, Inc., yielding vital advances in public health, clinical trials, biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, The federal government's plan to reduce indirect cost rates for all NIH grants to a universal 15% rate will severely compromise the ability of these institutions to maintain and advance critical research; and

WHEREAS, Indirect cost rate payments are necessary to the research infrastructure, laboratories, research computing, regulatory compliance, and skilled personnel that assure project safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Brown University, as a major research institution in Rhode Island, received over $254 million in federal research funding in fiscal year 2024 and relies on indirect cost recovery to sustain its research programs, maintain essential personnel, and contribute to scientific progress; and

WHEREAS, Brown University Health, Care New England, and EpiVax, Inc. are all recipients of NIH funding, with crucial medical and public health research at Rhode Island Hospital supported by millions in NIH grants; and

WHEREAS, A reduction in indirect cost rates would force reductions and discontinuations of ongoing research and trials at these institutions to the detriment of scientific advancement, the subversion of national security, the competitiveness of the American pharmaceutical and biotechnological industries, and at the cost of human lives; and

WHEREAS, The resultant budget shortfalls could lead to the unemployment of hundreds at Brown University and other institutions in Providence, affecting research coordinators, lab managers, animal care staff, custodial and security personnel, electricians, food service workers, clinical coordinators, research nurses, and others, with additional negative effects on suppliers and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Potential pauses or losses of federal funding as proposed would disrupt the careers of research scientists, postdoctoral associates, and graduate students and threaten the continuity of research programs and leadership development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the City of Providence strongly opposes the federal government's plan to reduce indirect cost rates for NIH grants and urges federal policymakers to rescind this directive and maintain appropriate indirect cost recovery rates reflective of the true costs of conducting high-impact research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence supports efforts led by the Rhode Island Attorney General and other state attorneys general to challenge this policy and prevent its detrimental impacts on research institutions and the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the director of the National Institutes of Health, the Rhode Island congressional delegation, the president of Brown University, the chief executive officer of Brown University Health, the chief executive officer of Care New England, the chief executive officer of EpiVax, Inc.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 22 through 24, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5744, An Act Relating to Education - Bilingual, Dual Language and World Language Teachers Investment Act and Senate Bill 2025 S-0457, An Act Relating to Education - Support and Access to Bilingual Education.

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has reported a 30% increase in Multilingual Learner (MLL) enrollment over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, RIDE's 'Rhode Island's Strategic Plan for Multilingual Learner Success' calls for the research and expansion of high-quality dual language and bilingual education programs for multilingual learners; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 Factbook released by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT showed that in October 2023, 2% (227) of RI public school teachers and instructional coordinators held an active Bilingual, Dual Language, or English to Speakers of Other Languages certification; and

WHEREAS, RIDE's Three-Year Analysis on Rhode Island Educator Emergency Certificates found that language educator certificates (English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Bilingual and Dual Language (BDL), World Languages (WL) Teachers) are the largest group of emergency certificates (236) making them account for 29% of the certificates issued; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws § 42-5.1-1(l) affirms that proficiency in a second or multiple languages can be a major tool for economic growth for our state and help overcome this country's disadvantage in the world economy as we move into the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws § 16-22-37 mandates that RIDE, in consultation with local school districts that have a dual language program, create a model policy and timeline to assist district leaders in developing and implementing such programs; and

WHEREAS, Investments in dual language immersion (DLI) programs, focused on program development, teacher professional development, and retention, will promote educational equity and efficiency for Rhode Island students; and

WHEREAS, Education research demonstrates that dual language and bilingual education programs can close the achievement gap and accelerate academic progress; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of funding for dual language and bilingual programs is essential for advancing academic outcomes for multilingual learners and for achieving the state's goal for grade-level reading by third grade and other academic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 0457 appropriates $300,000 towards a dual language program fund within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, providing grants to local school districts to support their own dual language programs; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5744 creates a strategy to increase the number of bilingual, dual language, and world language teacher certifications, and establishes a scholarship fund to increase the number of bilingual, dual language, and world language teachers in urban core and urban ring public schools; and

WHEREAS, Both S0457 and H5744 would be extremely beneficial for the students and families of the Providence Public School District, as they will help the district design, launch, and implement programs that reflect the language and cultures of the City's diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council strongly supports the creation of a $300,000 fund within RIDE for dual language programs, alongside a $1 million scholarship initiative to increase the number of bilingual, dual language, and world language teachers in urban and urban ring public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H5744 and S0457 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this lifesaving legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Morales and Senator McKenney, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H5744 and S0457.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution in Support of Legislative Action to address rising energy costs and Protect Rhode Island Ratepayers.

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders, as are many people across the United States, are facing untenable increases in the costs of the necessities of life, including those of the energy needed to light and heat their homes; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Energy has imposed significant rate hikes, placing an unbearable financial strain on Providence residents and communities across the state, disproportionately impacting working families, seniors, and low-income households; and

WHEREAS, These rising energy costs are unsustainable, forcing families to make impossible choices between paying their utility bills and covering basic necessities such as rent, food, and medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders face scarce options in reducing the rates and charges associated with their energy usage, most especially the poor; and

WHEREAS, The largest supplier of electricity and natural gas service to the households of the state, Rhode Island Energy, has unsatisfactorily explained exorbitant increases in the rates and charges billed to its customers since its purchase of the energy franchises three years ago; and

WHEREAS, Profit rendered at the expense of the safety of the most vulnerable is unconscionable; and

WHEREAS, Forbearances for the ill, the elderly, and those in arrears may reduce terminations and save lives; and

WHEREAS, The provision for some marked reduction in total billing against the poorest households may prove equally beneficent; and

WHEREAS, The rates that energy distributors charge customers should be subjected to greater perscrutation and justification; and

WHEREAS, Clear measures should be taken to moderate the growth of largely unjustified energy cost increases, particularly those associated with electricity service, on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude for the introduction of bills concerned with the above in the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the introductions of H5018 and its companion S0018, H5068 and its companion S0086, H5245 and its companion S0185, H5577, and H5106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this resolution, that copies be sent to the Honorable Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, the Honorable President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H5018, S0018, H5068, S0086, H5245, S0185, H5577, and H5106.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 22 through 24 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCY
COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS, Chair

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Health And Sanitation", Article III, "Garbage,. Trash, and Refuse", Sec. 12-46 "Definitions", Sec. 12-57 "Littering", and Sec. 12-80 "Violations and Penalties" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article III "Compensation and other Benefits", Division I "In General", Section 17-57 "Holiday Pay".

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

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

COUNCILWOMEN VARGAS, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

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

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 25 through 28 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES
(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) of the Code of Ordinances.

FirstWorks $600,000.00
(Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)

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

FirstWorks $600,000.00
(Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 29, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Received and Approved:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 6, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 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 **Ms. Bianca Rodriguez**, of 70 Sawyer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Zoning Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 19, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 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 **Erlin Rogel**, of 21 Lynde Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Rogel replaces Ms. Bernal whose term expired on January 31,2025)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 30 and 31 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman

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

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" Approved November 24, 2014, as Amended, to Change Certain Text in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, and to Amend the Base and Overlay Zoning Maps.

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

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

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
COUNCILMAN OSCAR VARGAS, Chairman

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

Resolution Requesting to abandon a portion of Ernest Street.

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

That the indicated portion of ERNEST STREET shown on the accompanying plan entitled "Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Ernest Street from Shipyard Street to Service Road Plat 2024-XX," prepared by Samuel A. White, Jr., of Garofalo & Associates, Inc., and dated April 25, 2023, having ceased to be useful to the public, is hereby abandoned as a Public Highway. Said Abandonment is specifically conditioned upon the following:

1. Petitioner, NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION, shall tender the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($72,400.00) to the City of Providence.
2. Petitioners shall grant any easement as may be reasonably required by Providence Water, the Narragansett Electric Company, and Verizon as may be acceptable to both Petitioner and the respective utility.
3. After payment, Petitioner shall record this resolution in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence and then return to the City Plan Commission to complete the subdivision process.
4. Petitioner shall comply with all conditions contained herein within sixty (60) days from the date of passage, except that final City Plan Commission approval of the subdivision shall occur within one (1) year from the date of passage.
5. Such other terms and conditions as may be reflected in the record and minutes of the City Council Committee on Public Works, and/or as may be deemed appropriate by the Mayor or the Department of Law.

ORDERED, That the Traffic Engineer be and is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

ORDERED, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned who is known to reside within the State.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 33 and make two amendments, one on line 4 removing "is proposed to be abandoned" replacing it with "is hereby abandoned" and two line 9, item 2 adding "reasonably" in front of the word required and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Samuel A. Budway, Esquire, Chace Ruttenberg & Freedman, LLP, One Park Row, Suite 300, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a permanent underground easement below a portion of Waterman Street.

RESULT:	**REFERRED**
TO:	Committee on Public Works

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Raymind Cruz 25-034
Anderlis M. Reyes 25-035
Christina Pires
(Mike R. Bottaro, Esquire) 25-036
Allie Sylvia 25-037
Terri A. Mastrostefano 25-038
Henry Severino 25-039
Ariana Africo 25-040
Mikayla Francois 25-041
Matt Leveille 25-042
Patricia Jordan 25-043
Keila Estrada 25-044
Jennifer Kittila 25-045
LaDawn Marafitte 25-046
Benjamin Skrabak 25-047
Caitlyn Smith 25-048
Brad Feinstein 25-049
Ruth Abreu
(Mike R. Bottaro, Esquire) 25-050
Rachael F. Harris 25-051
Julia Palazzo 25-052
Abigail Brakenwagen 25-053
Marina Carosella 25-054
Eulalia K. Santamaria 25-055
Roland P. Vachon 25-056
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. 25-057
Progressive Direct Insurance Company
a/s/o Keyra A. Fernandez 25-058
Leon A. Nagbe 25-059
Andrew Borges 25-060

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Jessica Cigna, dated December 3, 2024, submitting her resignation as a member of the Providence Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, effective immediately.

Communication from Colonel Oscar L. Perez, Chief of Police, informing the City Clerk of those employees approved and authorized to take City vehicles home, pursuant to Section 2-13 "Personal Use of City Vehicles" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Communication from John Arzoomanian, Director, Department of Public Property, informing the City Clerk of those employees approved and authorized to take City vehicles home, pursuant to Section 2-13 "Personal Use of City Vehicles" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Communication from Tina Delfino, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-12, for the property located at 144 Dyer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Report from Chairwoman Susan DeRita, Vice-Chairperson Machiste Rankin and Executive Director Ferenc Karoly, Esquire, dated February 10, 2025, submitting the Providence External Review Authority Annual Review 2024.

RESULT:	**RECEIVED**

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 through 40, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 34 to the Committee on Public Works, Refers item 35 to the Committee Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 36 through 40.

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:

Ka Men, Head Coach, Central High School, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Central High School Knights Girls Volleyball Team in winning the Division IV State Championship on November 10, 2024

Christina Daily, Assistant Coach, Central High School, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Central High School Knights Girls Volleyball Team in winning the Division IV State Championship on November 10, 2024

Sam Gee, Assistant Coach, Central High School, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Central High School Knights Girls Volleyball Team in winning the Division IV State Championship on November 10, 2024

Janet Baptista, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Emily Bolanos, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Keisy Castaneda, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Ariany Domingues, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Sangkhim Dong, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Danna Garcia, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Chevalee Graham, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Lashmie Joaquin, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Stephanie Ramos, Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Radaisi Amparo, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Anamaris Alonzo, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

D'Ajanae Briggs, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Hailey Chhum, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Yanna Familia Perez, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Jahaze Gonsalves, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Shnayline Hermilus, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Marquez Yibely, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Reyes Ysledis, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Alexandra Rivas Reyes, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Maria Sical, Junior Varsity, Central High School Knights, in recognition of winning the Division IV Girls Volleyball Championship on November 10, 2024.

Marilyn Tipton, Technical Support Specialist III, State of Rhode Island, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 40 years of dedicated service to the State of Rhode Island.

La honorable Carolina Mejia, Alcaldesa de Santo Domingo, en reconocimiento de su trayectoria política, por ser la primera alcaldesa de Santo Domingo, y su visita al Estado de Rhode Island.

La honorable Carolina Mejia, Alcaldesa de Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional Republica Dominicana, en reconocimiento de su visita a la Ciudad de Providence, Rhode Island. ¡Le damos la bienvenida!

Guatemalan Center of New England, in recognition of the celebration of your Inauguration and Open House on Friday, February 21, 2025.

Major David A. Lapatin, in recognition of your decades-long career of outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to law enforcement and our community, the Providence City Council proudly honors your induction into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame.

Milary Tavarez, in recognition of your selflessness, passion, and leadership in empowering our youth, as well as your unwavering commitment to excellence in the field of education.

Magaly Sanchez, in recognition of your dedicated support in addressing the needs of youth, particularly in the areas of equity, inclusivity, and student success in education.

JLS Hair Design, in recognition of your exceptional talent and dedication to hairstyling. Your creativity and expertise not only enhance individual confidence but also contribute to the vibrancy of our community's fashion and beauty industries.

Pretty Little Gypsy, in recognition of your exceptional talent and dedication to hairstyling. Your creativity and expertise not only enhance individual confidence but also contribute to the vibrancy of our community's fashion and beauty industries.

Witherell Hair Designs, in recognition of your exceptional talent and dedication to hairstyling. Your creativity and expertise not only enhance individual confidence but also contribute to the vibrancy of our community's fashion and beauty industries.

Salon Sappire, in recognition of your exceptional talent and dedication to hairstyling. Your creativity and expertise not only enhance individual confidence but also contribute to the vibrancy of our community's fashion and beauty industries.

Styles by Sara B, in recognition of your exceptional talent and dedication to hairstyling. Your creativity and expertise not only enhance individual confidence but also contribute to the vibrancy of our community's fashion and beauty industries.

Du'Art Beauty Studio, in recognition of your artistry and passion for makeup. Your work empowers individuals, inspires creativity, and plays a vital role in the beauty and fashion industries that enrich our community.

Ali Lomazzo Beauty, in recognition of your artistry and passion for makeup. Your work empowers individuals, inspires creativity, and plays a vital role in the beauty and fashion industries that enrich our community.

Maria Piccardi Beauty, in recognition of your artistry and passion for makeup. Your work empowers individuals, inspires creativity, and plays a vital role in the beauty and fashion industries that enrich our community.

Laminate Beauty, in recognition of your artistry and passion for makeup. Your work empowers individuals, inspires creativity, and plays a vital role in the beauty and fashion industries that enrich our community.

Toshia Galligan, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Brittany Scuncio, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Victoria St Onge, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Sara Bogosian, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Jessica Pray, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Juliette Pray, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Patience Breault, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Sofia Breault, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Madalena DosSantos, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

Leah Folco, in recognition of your dedication and contributions to the arts, fashion, and creative industries. Your hard work and passion help shape a more dynamic and culturally rich community.

DJ Joint, in recognition of your incredible ability to bring people together through music. Your work creates energy, fosters connection, and enriches the cultural and entertainment scene in our city.

DJ Giode, in recognition of your incredible ability to bring people together through music. Your work creates energy, fosters connection, and enriches the cultural and entertainment scene in our city.

Sorel Entertainment, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Anderson Longevity Clinic, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Self Serenity Wellness Spa, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Quahog Creative, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Ed Brady, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Lupe Aguilar, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Wishes and Warmth Permanent Jewelry Band, in recognition of your dedication to entrepreneurship and creativity. Your contributions not only support local events but also strengthen the small business community that makes Providence thrive.

Urban threads, Mindy Britto, in recognition of your talents and efforts continue to make a lasting impact on Providence, and we celebrate your contributions to our community!

Planet Blonde & Tess Lyons, in recognition of your talents and efforts continue to make a lasting impact on Providence, and we celebrate your contributions to our community!

Scouted is Scout Lyons, in recognition of your talents and efforts continue to make a lasting impact on Providence, and we celebrate your contributions to our community!

Paul Fitzgerald, Founder, AIDS Care Ocean State, in recognition of being the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the AIDS Care Ocean State 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Providence Gay Flag Football League (PVDGFFL), in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Service Award at the AIDS Care Ocean State 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Chuck Hollis, in recognition of being the recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year Award at the AIDS Care Ocean State 35th Anniversary Celebration.

AIDS Care Ocean State, in recognition of the celebration of your 35th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Track 15 Food Hall, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 18, 2025.

Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Services to the Dominican Community Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Rosa De Castillo, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Community Leadership Service Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Martha Villar, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to the Dominican Arts Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Sixcia Devine, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Business Leadership Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Milary Tavarez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Youth Talent Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Ernesto Valerio, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Contribution in Sports Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Leda M. Valerio, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Leadership in Education Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Major Henry Remolina, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Public Servant Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Caroll Medeiros, MD, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Professional Science Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Julia Norma Mendez Rodriguez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Professional in Communication/Media Award at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island 21st Anniversary celebration.

Rochelle Lee Harris, in recognition of your participation as a panelist for the 2025 International Women's Day Event.

Lisa Pina Warren, in recognition of your participation as a panelist for the 2025 International Women's Day Event.

Jamie Brannon, in recognition of your participation as a panelist for the 2025 International Women's Day Event.

Darlene Allen Peace, in recognition of your participation as a panelist for the 2025 International Women's Day Event.

Karina Holyoak Wood, in recognition of your participation as a panelist for the 2025 International Women's Day Event.

Donna DelVecchio, Parking Enforcement Officer, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 41 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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:

Jeffrey Liggins

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 42 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,** Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,** it is voted to adjourn at 6:21 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

Tina L. Mastroianni

TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our YouTube Channel: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B24YXdnXXlk&t=450s**

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