

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



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



IN CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 19 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS – 3.

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

IN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 20 2023
CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN OSCAR O. VARGAS**.

"God, please give us direction and help us to work together to move our city forward and to make the right decision. God Bless everyone. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER 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. 18 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 6, 2023.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council July 6, 2023, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally 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 text in Sections 1203 and 1204 regarding Temporary Mobile Food Sales.

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 text in Section 1203(C) and 1204 as follows:

1203 TEMPORARY USE STANDARDS

C. Temporary Mobile Food Sales

1. The timeframe of a temporary mobile food sales use shall be one year and approved as part of the temporary use permit.
2. The temporary use permit shall be evaluated on the basis of the adequacy of the parcel size, parking provisions, traffic access, and the absence of undue adverse impact, including noise, on other properties.
3. All mobile food establishments operating on the property shall be properly licensed by the Health Department, and/or the Department of Business Regulation, and/or Board of Licenses.
4. Sale of alcohol is prohibited in all zoning districts with the exception of the Downcity Overlay District.
5. All temporary mobile food sales establishments shall cease operation by 10 p.m.
56. During business hours, a trash receptacle shall be provided for customer use and the area shall be kept clear of litter and debris at all times.
67. Additional outdoor seating may be provided by the mobile food sales operator on the site, but no seating may be permanently installed.
78. A permanent water or wastewater connection is prohibited.
89. Electrical service may be provided only by temporary service or other connection provided by an electric utility, or an on-board generator.
910. Drive-through service is prohibited.
1011. A mobile food establishment is limited to signs attached to the exterior of the truck or trailer that shall be mounted flat against the truck or trailer with a maximum projection of six inches, and one A-frame sign. The A-frame sign is subject to the standards for such sign in Article 16.
1112. No seating or trash receptacle is permitted to block the public right-of-way.
13. Incidental Entertainment is permitted during hours of operation.

1204 USE DEFINITIONS

Temporary Mobile Food Sales. A mobile food establishment where food or alcohol preparation and service is housed in a truck or trailer, container, or a non-motorized mobile food cart.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILORS ANDERBOIS, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, RYAN, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

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 Self-Storage Facility Use Category.

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 making the following changes, with deletions struck out:

ARTICLE 12. USES

1200 Prohibited Uses

The following uses are expressly prohibited in all districts.

- a. Billboard/outdoor advertising.
- b. Halfway house.
- c. Industrial uses of the following types: abrasive, asbestos and miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral product manufacture; acid manufacture; agricultural chemicals including fertilizer manufacture; bulk storage of liquefied natural gas; cement, lime, gypsum or plaster of paris manufacture; creosote manufacture or treatment; drop forge industries; glue manufacture; leather and fur tanning and finishing; manufacture and storage of explosives; manufacture of noxious or toxic gases and chemicals; nuclear industries manufacturing; petroleum refining; primary metal industries; processing of sauerkraut, vinegar or yeast; pulp mills and paper mills; rendering or refining of fats or oils; rubber or gutta percha manufacture or treatment; tobacco and tobacco products manufacture.

- d. Landfill and garbage dump including offal or dead animal.
- e. Prison/correctional institution.
- f. Racetrack.
- g. Slaughterhouse, excluding the killing of fowl.
- h. Stock yard/feeding pen
- i. Waste incineration facility
- i. Self-Storage Facility

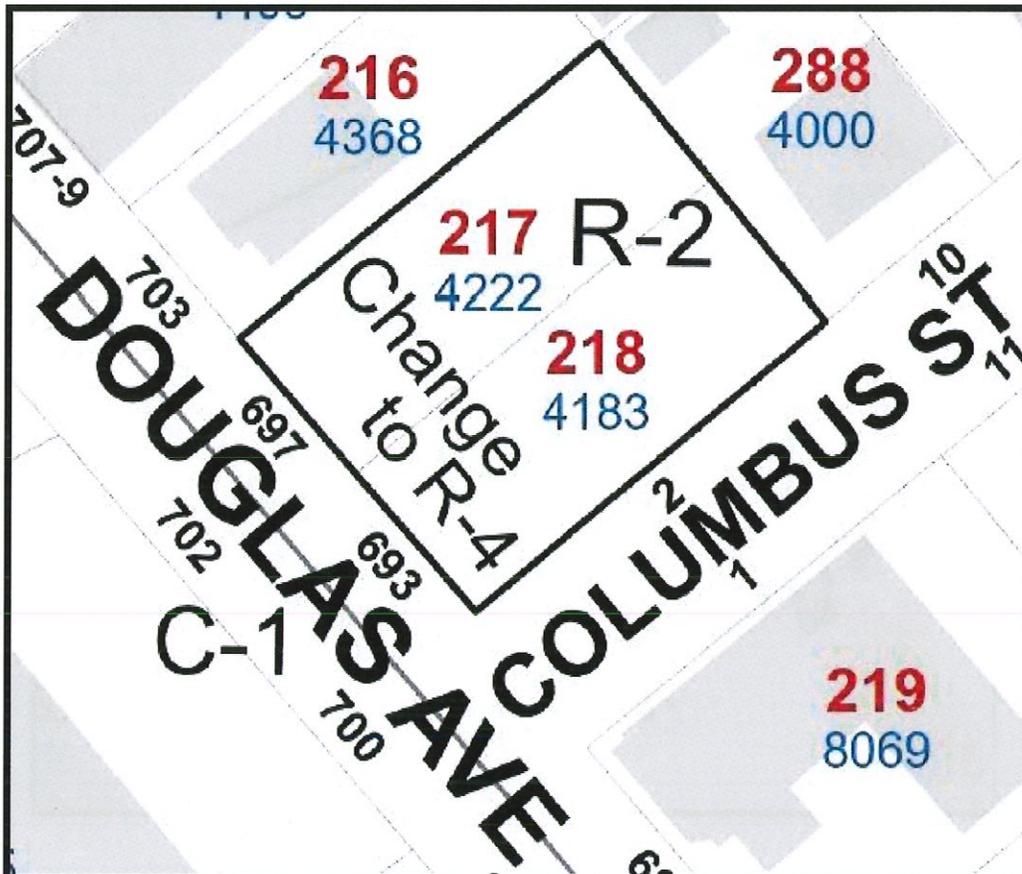
1201 USE MATRIX

Table 12-1: Use Matrix Key: P = Permitted // S = Special Use																					
Use	R-1A	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-P	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	W-2	W-3	M-1	M-2	M-MU	I-1	I-2	P-S	O-S	C-D	Use Standard
Self-Storage Facility								P					P								

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 99, Lots 217 and 218 (693 and 697 Douglas Avenue), from R-2 to R-4.

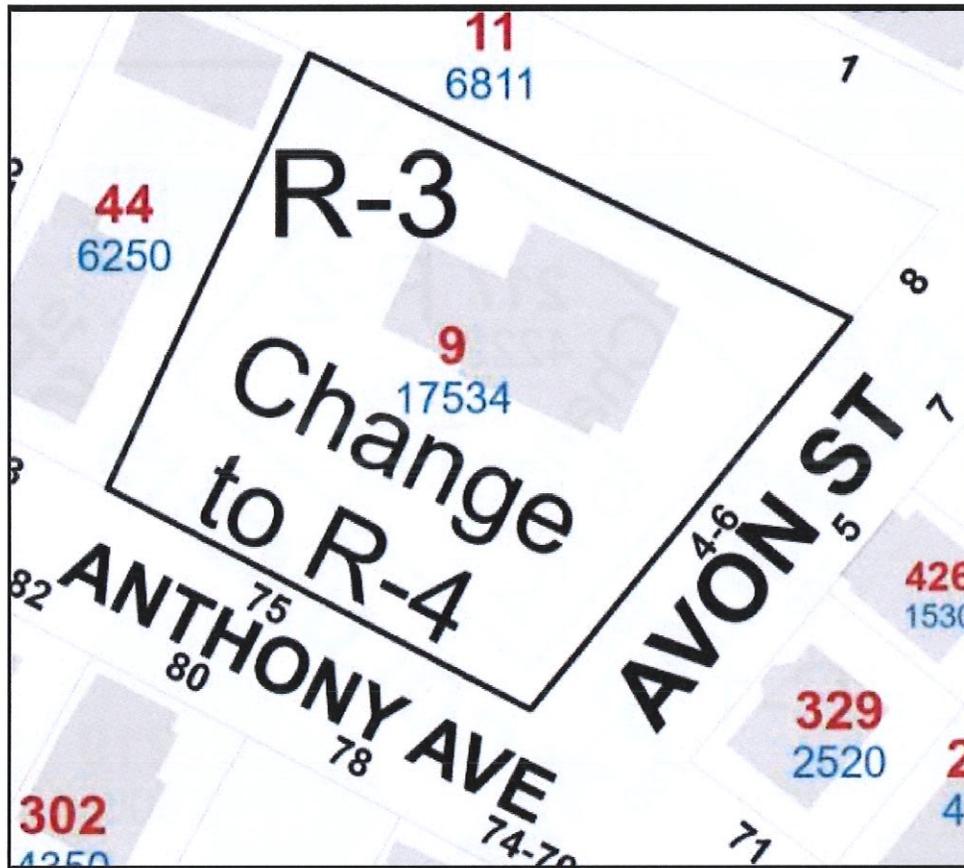
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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot 9 (4 Avon Street), from R-3 to R-4.

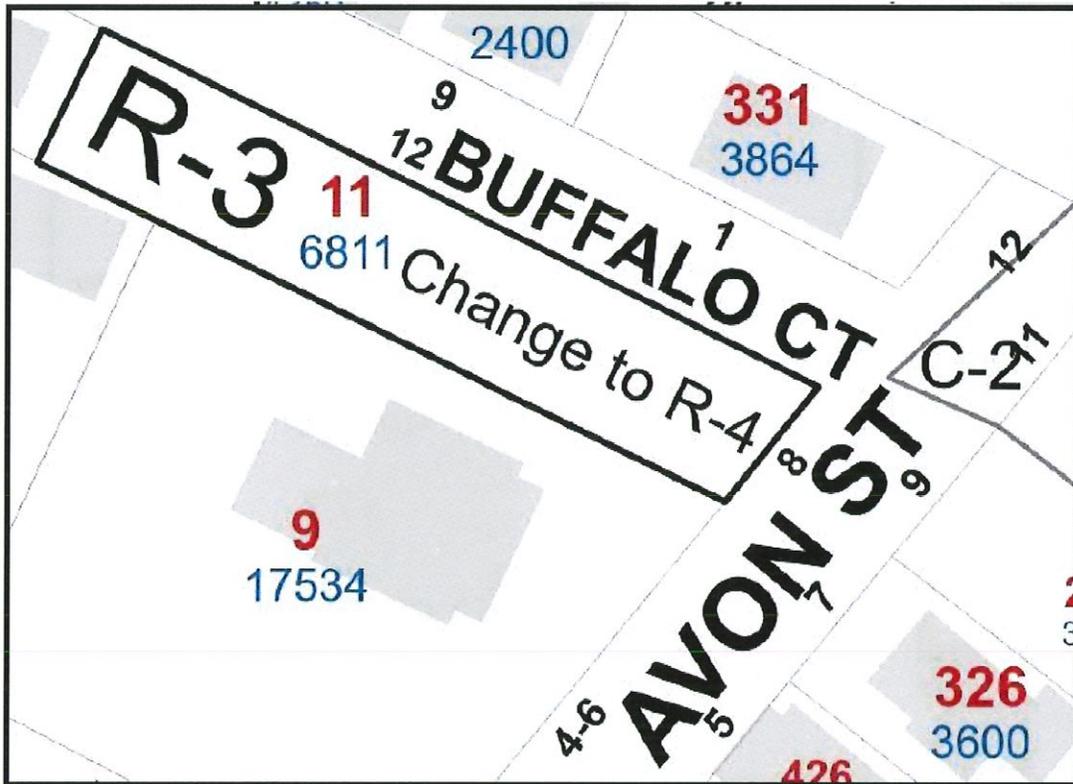
SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot, 9 (4 Avon Street), from R-3 to R-4.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot 11 (12 Buffalo Court), from R-3 to R-4.

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot 11 (12 Buffalo Court), from R-3 to R-4.

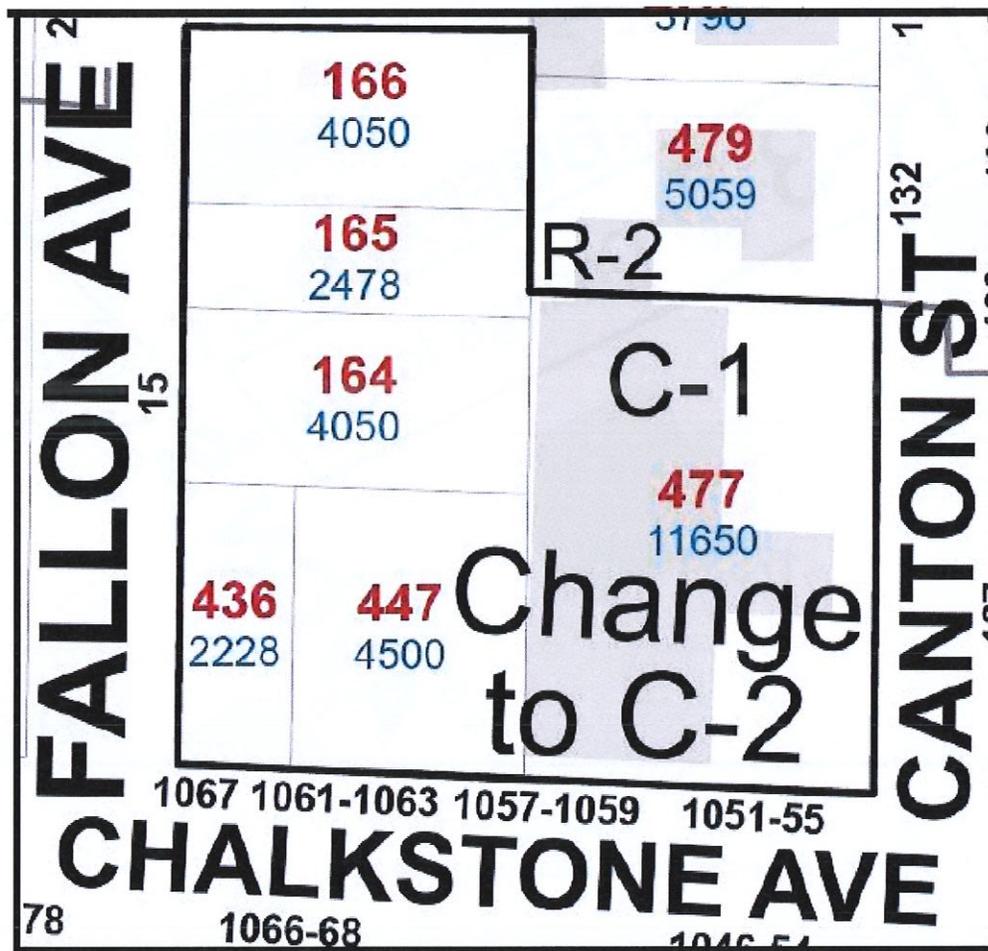


SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

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 84, Lots 164, 165, 166, 436, 447 and 477 (Chalkstone Avenue), from C-1 to C-2.

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 84, Lots 164, 165, 166, 436, 447 and 477 (Chalkstone Avenue), from C-1 to C-2.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 9 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [11 TO 1]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 11.
NAYS:	Councilor Sanchez – 1
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Four Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Forty One Dollars (\$94,580,041), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$3,239,525), for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$3,819,921), for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Five Million Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$95,363,790), for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Million Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$2,814,471), for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$3,479,215), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Million Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$4,911,953), for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$376,658), for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$830,611), for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$1,022,504), for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Twenty Two Million One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$22,175,768), for the Water Supply Board Lead Service Replacement Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$3,571,289), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2022-56, No. 369, effective November 10, 2022.

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 2022-57, No. 370, effective November 10, 2022.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 10 through 23, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers the items 10 through 23 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS,
PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution in Support of the Prohibition of Banning Books in all Providence Public Schools and Libraries.

WHEREAS, Book bans are a slippery slope that can lead to censorship, marginalization of people, and the stifling of ideas, creativity and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, In recent times, book bans, laws and policies to limit books have become increasingly common in schools, libraries, and public places around the country; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Library Association, a record 2,571 unique titles were targeted for censorship with the vast majority written by or about people of color of the members of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, President Biden announced he plans to appoint a new federal coordinator to address the increase of newly state laws enacted to book bans; and

WHEREAS, With books being banned, readers are left without access to literary works that may provide essential history, education or encourage thought-provoking conversations and new ideas; and

WHEREAS, This poses a real threat to the right of individuals to access information freely and without judgment; and

WHEREAS, As books often contain different perspectives, book banning prevents readers from developing an understanding of a topic and thinking for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Book bans narrow the range of books that people are exposed to, denying them an opportunity to explore the spectrum of ideas available within a certain subject area; and

WHEREAS, Book banning can also have a detrimental effect on societies; and

WHEREAS, What's more, banning books can lead to bias and prejudice, as society becomes more entrenched in its own viewpoints and less open to alternative idea; and

WHEREAS, We must actively seek out different perspectives and strive to embrace different ideas; and

WHEREAS, This way, readers can come to their own conclusions based on the evidence presented within a book, rather than just being told what is right or wrong; and

WHEREAS, We must also look to foster an environment of understanding and acceptance by not banning books that have been deemed controversial or inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, Book banning is a dangerous practice that has the ability to limit free expression, stifle creativity and knowledge, and prevent the development of healthy dialogue within society; and

WHEREAS, If we are to truly experience the freedom of knowledge, we must recognize the importance of protecting our right to access different ideas, so that we can explore them fully and come to our own conclusions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the prohibition of banning books.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports that all public libraries in the City of Providence shall adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports the prohibition of the practice of banning books or other materials within all public schools, libraries or library systems in the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council shall eventually pass a law outlawing book bans and cut off local funding for any Providence public library that tries to ban books.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the general assembly and Governor McKee to sign a state law protecting the freedom of public libraries to acquire books without external limitations and strip funding from any public library that threatens to ban books.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Providence Public Schools, the Rhode Island Department of Education, Providence Public Library and the Community Libraries of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS,
PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution Strongly Condemning Recent Supreme Court Rulings.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court recently struck down affirmative action in college admissions; and

WHEREAS, The decision rolls back decades of precedent and also serves as a major setback in our efforts to create a more equitable education system; and

WHEREAS, The ruling is a major obstacle to improving educational opportunity for historically underrepresented and underserved student populations; and

WHEREAS, The ruling will have a devastating effect on people of color and marginalized communities throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, The decision reaffirms our need to continue to advocate for policies that increase educational opportunity at all levels and foster an environment where students from all backgrounds can thrive; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court decision in 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis also recently dealt a blow to LGBTQIA+ rights by ruling that the constitutional right to free speech allows certain businesses to refuse to provide services for same-sex weddings despite state anti-discrimination law; and

WHEREAS; This ruling will lead to more discrimination against LGBTQIA+ Americans; and

WHEREAS, These decisions of the Supreme Court serves as a stark reminder of the reality that systemic forms of discrimination continue to exist in our society; and

WHEREAS, It is our duty as a nation to combat these injustices and protect the rights of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court recently also struck down President Joe Biden's plan to cancel \$430 billion in student loan debt; and

WHEREAS, As elected leaders, we have a moral obligation to stand up for those who will be negatively impacted by these rulings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly condemns and takes a stand against the United States Supreme Court’s recent major rulings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to recognizing the strength in our diversity and forging a more equitable future for all.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 24 and 25 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Condemning Israel's Attack on Jenin Refugee Camp, Urging Accountability for Human Rights Violations, Recognizing Israel's Illegal Occupation and Apartheid Policies, and Advocating for the Reassessment of U.S. Military Aid.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 26 to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

Resolution Requesting the resignation of Providence City Councilman Juan M. Pichardo from the Office of President Pro Tempore.

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo was the subject of an investigation by the Rhode Island Board of Elections Campaign Finance Division for engaging in numerous violations of Rhode Island law for the period May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 all prior to being sworn-in on January 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The investigation found among other items, Councilman Juan Pichardo failed to report contributions totaling more than \$3,700; failed to accurately report contributions totaling more than \$10,600; accepted contributions from anonymous sources totaling \$275; failed to report 52 expenditures totaling more than \$5,700; failed to accurately report expenditures totaling more than \$4,300 and failed to file 6 campaign finance reports; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo entered into a Consent Order May 30, 2023 with the Rhode Island Board of Elections wherein he admitted to each and every violation as presented, waived his right to appeal, challenge or deny the findings, forfeited sums and agreed to pay a \$3,000 fine; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo only came public with the proceedings of the Board of Elections by releasing a statement on or about June 7, 2023, the eve before the agency released its own public statement announcing the results of its months long investigation into his voluminous violations of Rhode Island law; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo as President Pro Tempore, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter in the event of a vacancy is next in succession to serve as City Council President, and second in succession to serve as Mayor of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo's reckless disregard for the laws governing public disclosure and reporting of campaign finance activities is chilling and an affront to honest, open and transparent government; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Juan Pichardo by his own actions, and his alone, violated the public trust and the trust of his Council colleagues. The President and President Pro Tempore are facilitators of City and Council business which requires honesty, transparency and trust among Council members. His actions have broken that trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, We the honorable members of the Providence City Council hereby declare that we have lost trust and have no confidence in Councilman Juan Pichardo's ability to perform the high duties and responsibilities of the Office of President Pro Tempore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, So as to restore public trust and faith in our municipal government and affairs, we the honorable members of the Providence City Council hereby call upon Councilman Juan Pichardo to set aside his own personal ambitions for the good of the City and the Council and resign from the Office of President Pro Tempore.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to read item 27 into the record, Seconded by COUNCILMAN ESPINAL.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO Opposes reading item 27 into the record.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Approve item 27 on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED (FAILED) [2 TO 7]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Ryan – 2
NAYS:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez and Councilman Taylor – 7.
ABSTAIN:	Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Vargas – 3.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilman Vargas – 3.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution in Support of the United Parcel Service (UPS) Teamsters Strike.

WHEREAS, United Parcel Service (UPS) is the single largest employer of Teamster members and the UPS contract is the largest private-sector collective bargaining agreement in the United States covering more than 340,000 Teamsters; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters have helped the company make record profits in excess of \$13 billion; and

WHEREAS, The current collective bargaining agreement between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and UPS is set expire on July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters nationwide voted 97 percent in favor of authorizing the UPS Teamsters National Negotiating Committee to call a strike in the event that a successor agreement cannot be reached prior to the contract expiration date of July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, UPS Teamsters have expressed overwhelming concern that the federal government would intervene in a nationwide strike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the *City Council of Providence, Rhode Island* is calling upon elected officials at local, state, and federal levels to stand with UPS Teamsters in their efforts to collectively bargain for fair wages, safe working conditions, affordable health care, and dignified retirement that they rightfully have earned while working for UPS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we further call on the federal government to respect UPS Teamsters' rights to collectively bargain including the right to withhold their labor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call on elected officials at local, state, and federal levels to demonstrate this support by signing on to an open letter to rank-and-file Teamsters at UPS expressing that government has no role to play in collective bargaining between workers and their employer and therefore no elected individual or government entity should attempt to insert themselves into the collective bargaining process or participate in any attempted resolution of a new contract that is not first voted upon and ratified by rank-and-file UPS Teamsters prior to such government- related intervention.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

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

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to exercise the first three one-year terms pursuant to Section 5.0 of the Red-Light Camera License and Service Agreement by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5).

Conduent State & Local Solutions Inc. a/k/a Xerox State & Local Solutions (Police Department)	\$3,809,000.00
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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award to exercise the first three one-year terms pursuant to Section 5.0 of the Red-Light Camera License and Service Agreement by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5).

Conduent State & Local Solutions Inc. a/k/a Xerox State & Local Solutions (Police Department)	\$3,809,000.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to the second lowest bidder by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1).

Comprehensive Community Action Program (Workforce Solutions)	\$799,829.39
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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award to the second lowest bidder by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1).

Comprehensive Community Action Program (Workforce Solutions)	\$799,829.39
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COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 29 and 30 and Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES AND HARRIS

Resolution Allowing the Providence Police Department to Collaborate with nonadjacent Rhode Island municipalities and Police Departments through a Statewide Mutual Aide Agreement.

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island General Assembly enacted R.I.G.L. Sec. 45-42-2 and then amended it in 2021, ch.108, providing the City of Providence a mechanism to authorize nonemergency mutual aid agreements between nonadjacent municipalities, their police departments, and institutions of higher education within the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department possesses a wealth of knowledge, tools, and skills that can prove instrumental in enhancing public safety; and

WHEREAS, Police departments must engage in coordinated efforts, foster collaboration, and provide mutual support in order to achieve optimal results.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby authorizes the Providence Police Department to collaborate with nonadjacent Rhode Island municipalities and police departments pursuant to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

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

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 31 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution Requesting a presentation from Wistow, Sheehan & Loveley, P.C. (“WSL”) regarding their investigation into Case No. PC-2020-04757.

WHEREAS, On December 15, 2022 the City' s Internal Auditor submitted a report to the City Council outlining significant concerns raised in response to a Consent Order that was entered into in case no. PC-2020-04757 without any consideration or notice provided to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2023 the City Council passed a resolution authorizing the Council President to engage outside legal counsel as recommended by the Auditor’s report; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has engaged Wistow, Sheehan & Loveley, P.C. (“WSL”) as counsel for the City Council relative to this matter pursuant to the terms of the engagement agreement that was executed by the Council President on May 12, 2023 and was received by the City Council at the May 18, 2023 Council meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that WSL attend a special meeting of the City Council to present to the Council in executive session their findings relative to their review of case no. PC-2020-04757.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following the presentation referenced above, the City Council may vote to authorize WSL to make such claim(s) as may be warranted based upon their review. Said claim(s) may be made by demand letter, motion practice, lawsuit, any combination thereof, or otherwise, as WSL deems appropriate.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 32 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Amend the resolution to request a presentation from the City Solicitor's Office, Seconded by COUNCILMAN GONCALVES.

REQUEST A PRESENTATION FROM CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilman Goncalves
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Harris, Peterson, and Councilwoman Ryan – 6.
NAYS: Councilwoman Graves, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez and Councilman Taylor – 4.
ABSTAIN: Councilman Vargas – 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves Passage of the Resolution on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT: PASSED [10 TO 1]
MOVER: Councilman Taylor
SECONDER: Councilor Sanchez
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor and Councilman Vargas – 10.
NAYS: Councilwoman Ryan – 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

The Motion for Passage, As Amended is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 30, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Ordinance 2021-17, No. 238 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Priscilla De La Cruz** of 388 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the **Director of Sustainability**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 30, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 203 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Rochelle Lee** of 172 Ontario Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907 to the **Board of Canvassers** for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Lee replaces Mr. Seaberry who has resigned).

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 33 and 34 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Maryellen Goodwin was the daughter of the late
Senator Thomas N. and Patricia M. (Hogan) Goodwin; and

WHEREAS, She attended St. Patrick High School and Rhode Island College. She also
worked in the City of Providence Planning & Development Department for over 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Maryellen Goodwin had represented District 1 in the RI State
Senate since 1987 and served as Senate Majority Whip; and

WHEREAS, Her first elected office was as a delegate to the 1986 Constitutional
Convention. In the Senate, she had also served as Chairwoman of the Special Legislation
Committee and the Joint Committee on Lottery; and

WHEREAS, Senator Goodwin championed numerous legislative initiatives including
protections for children and seniors, paid sick leave, domestic violence prevention, public safety,
and education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Goodwin's compassion, unwavering commitment to public service,
and deep love for the city of Providence have left a remarkable impact on countless individuals
in the City of Providence and across the state of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of
Providence wishes to honor the life, work, and legacy of Maryellen Goodwin by establishing a
ceremonial designation along Orms Street as "Maryellen Goodwin Memorial Way."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Department of
Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more honorary signs at
prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Maryellen Goodwin Memorial
Way" honorary designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to
the family of Maryellen Goodwin.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 35 and Pass on a Voice
Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Joelle C. Rocha, Esquire, Duffy & Sweeney, LTD, 321 South Main Street, Suite 400, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 on behalf of Curtis Point Realty, LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 11, Lot 12 (320 Angell Street), from R-1 to R-P.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Progressive Direct Insurance Company
a/s/o Johanna M. Lugo

Jesus Ramos
(Chloe A. Davis, Esquire)

Sokhena McCarthy

Ramona Genao
(Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Eric Cannata

Howard V. Levine

Vicenta Valdez De Perez
(Matthew A. Durfee, Esquire)

Juana Salazar Lorenzo

Sophia DePina

USAA Casualty Insurance Company
a/s/o Cathy E. Baker

Dorcas D. Oluwatumise
Travelers
a/s/o Nadine L. Barnes

Tania Pintado

Jennifer Batres

Juan Carlos Chiralan de Leon

Emmanuel Andrade

Flo Adeni-Awosiica

Richard Fernandes

Annetti Perez

Paola Ortiz

Ana Vasquez

Edward Babbitt

Sarah Becker

Andrew Russell

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 19, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, Senate President, he is this day appointing **Diony Garcia, Esquire** to the **Rhode Island Convention Center Authority** for a term commencing on June 30, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2027.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 19, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, Senate President, he is this day appointing **Jennifer Goodrich Coia, Esquire** to the **Rhode Island Convention Center Authority** for a term commencing on June 30, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2027.

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated July 17, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, Senate President, she is this day appointing **Councilor Justin M. Roias** to the **Special Legislative Commission to Review and Provide Recommendations for Professional and Labor-Management Standards that Provide School-Based Flexibility and Accountability for Employees of the Providence Public Schools**, for a term commencing on July 31, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated July 17, 2023, submitting her appointment of **Patricia Raub** of 86 Bradley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 to the **Community Libraries of Providence Board** (formerly Providence Community Libraries).

Communication from Caleb T. Horton, City Archivist, dated June 30, 2023, submitting his resignation from the Community Libraries of Providence Board (formerly Providence Community Libraries), effective immediately as of today's date.

Communication from Priscilla De La Cruz, dated July 3, 2023, submitting her resignation from the Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) seat on the Sustainability Commission.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 36 through 43, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 36 to the Committee on Ordinances, item 37 Severally Refer to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and items 38 through 43 Receive.

RESULT: RECEIVED

**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:

Mohammad Mokhtar, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Pearl Pony Taremae, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Zyaire Johnson, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Gabriella Cohen, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Yennifer Quino-Guiterrez, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Laylah Wilcox, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, in recognition of the celebration of your participation in the food waste production program.

Admildo Lopes, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Lucy Rose-Correia, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Emmanuel Escobar, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Colonel Joseph Tavares, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Yvonne Marie Smart, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Virginia Neves Gonsalves, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Denise Morris Oliveira, in recognition of your longstanding commitment and contributions to the Cape Verdean community of Rhode Island. We are forever grateful!

Ana Maria Cabral, in recognition of your dedication to diplomacy, government service and improving women’s lives in Cape Verde. As a lifelong diplomat and official you played a vital role in shaping the narrative of the Cape Verdean revolution, ensuring the recognition of women’s contributions. Your visit to New England highlights the courage of Cape Verdean women who fought for liberation and your ongoing advocacy champions women’s recognition and empowerment, embodying the spirit of the liberation struggle for a just and democratic society.

Taner Toprak “Baba”, Owner, Baba’s Original NY System, in recognition of your contributions to Ward 12 and your many acts of kindness in your community by distributing food and gift cards, feeding families and individuals in need, and bringing free lunches to first responders during the Pandemic to the local hospital. Your time and the time of your family have been invaluable to the community and is much appreciated by all.

Eddy Cruz, in recognition of the celebration of your Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for El Anafe Restaurant.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

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:

Dr. Arelis M. Valerio, MD

Denise Ann (Lasorsa) Solomon

Providence Fire Battalion Chief Victor C. DiChiara (Retired)

Providence Fire Battalion Chief Thomas K. O'Mara (Retired)

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Retired Firefighter Battalion Chief Victor C. DiChiara, Luis Azevedo Pinheiro, Ana Margarita Adames, Rebecca Stewart, Darnell Whitford, Darrel Rivera Vargas and Stephanie Rosemary Hall at 7:51 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9kuLy7N1zg&t=5680s>

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