

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 532

EFFECTIVE December 16, 2019

WHEREAS, The City Council is obligated to support and oversee public infrastructure, including safe passage for all Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council represents constituents regarding matters of road work, repair and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Providence residents deserve the best quality roadway infrastructure that keeps residents and visitors safe; and

WHEREAS, Tax-payer money is partly used to fund these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Local public utilities are contracted to complete said improvements; and

WHEREAS, Residents, including Council members, should be informed of upcoming projects affecting their neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, Understanding project coordination and the terms of agreements on contracts between the City of Providence and local utilities needs to be made transparent; and

WHEREAS, A study to assess the agreements with public utilities and the City of Providence needs to be conducted; and

WHEREAS, The following parameters should be included:

- All parties abide to the terms outlined in the agreement and coordination of activities must be consistent with the agreement.
- Evaluate any discrepancies and challenges.
- Review of contract provisions related to utility fee agreements, scheduling DPW and utility work and completion verification process.
- Pre and post contract accountability measures related to work agreements, timeline and community communication and outreach.
- Create an assessment rubric for projects.
- Develop a comprehensive community outreach plan, timeline and follow up plan to be included in the bid-process.
- Options to include green technology.
- Requirement of participation in citywide utility coordination meetings to share long and short-range project plans, provide information and coordinate with DPW project delivery team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the administration and the Department of Public Works conduct a formal and thorough operations study and prepare a formal report to be submitted to the Council for review within 30 days of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That based on the study, the Providence City Council requests program implementation measures to be applied to resolve issues related to operations, timing, function and overall quality of project coordination of road work, improvements and community engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Elorza and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

Shawn Selleck
CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

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City Clerk