

# **CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND**



## **CITY COUNCIL**

# **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 2 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2021, 5:30 o'clock P.M.**

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## **PRESIDING**

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 15.**

**ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA HARRIS, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**FEB 4 2021**

**APPROVED:**

*Shawn Selleck* **CLERK**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR KATHERINE A. KERWIN**.

"Let us pray. God, please look over us as we navigate the historic pandemic and this historic change of power. Please let us remember first our neighbors who are unhoused, without jobs and who are separated from their loved ones because of this virus. In the words of Amanda Gorman, our youngest ever poet "If we merge mercy with might and might with bright and love becomes a legacy and change our children's birth rights. So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN NIRVA R. LAFORTUNE** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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## SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEEETING

Per Executive Order of the Governor Raimondo we are permitted to hold this meeting via zoom as opposed to in the Council Chambers.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 6, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) and 1103 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 **Larome Myrick** of 12 Eagle Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Larome Myrick replaces John Gaffney.)

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 8, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Diagneris Garcia** of 16 Wallace Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 8, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Muyideen A. Ibiyemi** of 151 Ocean Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 8, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Mark Santow** of 203 Rochambeau Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 6, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Ty' Relle Stephens** of 38 Anthony Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2022, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Stephens replaces Lorraine Lalli who has resigned.)

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the Reading of items 3 through 7, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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## **APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Communication from Council President Matos, dated January 19, 2021, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of Councilor Rachel Miller and Councilman Pedro Espinal as members of the Special Committee on Economic Growth Strategies.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS** Receives the foregoing Communication.

**RESULT:**      **RECEIVED**

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## **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES**

**COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, CASTILLO AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Administration" by Repealing Article II, Section 2-45 and adding Article VIII ½ "Office of Sustainability.

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**COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 "Buildings and Structural Appurtenances" of the Code of Ordinances to add Article X "Building Energy Reporting Program".

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the Reading of items 9 and 10, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, (By Request):**

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 add certain parcels to the Historic Overlay District.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Bernabe Tennis Academy d/b/a Providence Tennis    \$1,321,000.00 over a ten year lease  
(Parks Department)

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

Hilltop Securities Asset Management, LLC  
(Water Supply Board)

\$36,100.00

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

Invoice Cloud  
(Water Supply Board)

\$972,000.00

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 14, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

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### **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Ship Street to become a "One-Way" Street in an easterly direction from Clifford Street to Richmond Street.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause Ship Street to become a "One-Way" Street in an easterly direction from Clifford Street to Richmond Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer make this traffic change in order to remove the unsafe entrance onto Clifford Street for Ship Street traffic due to very poor sight distance blocked by a building.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglioizzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**

Resolution Requesting the Governor and the Rhode Island General Assembly adjust Executive Orders that are adversely impacting Rhode Island's small business community.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the reading of item 16 and to Withdraw at the sponsors request, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
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**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman**



Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 2, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing **James Hackett** of 70 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment and Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 2, 2020, 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 re-appointing **Steven T. Napolitano** of 383 Woodward Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment and Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 2, 2020, 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, he is this day re-appointing **Peter Mancini** of 104 Meridian Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 2, 2020, 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, he is this day re-appointing **Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan** of 104 Tell Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 through 21 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 15.

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### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Paul Sullivan, Sullivan Law Offices, PC, 33 Broad Street, Suite 302, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, dated January 12, 2021, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 164 (146 Governor Street), from a pre-existing, non-conforming use (two family), from R-1 to R-3.

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Petition from Timothy J. Chapman, 670 Willett Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02915 on behalf of Love 4 All Child Care Center, Inc, 162 Metcalf Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 58, Lot 162 (1199 Eddy Street), from R-2 to C-1.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Waive the Reading of items 22 and 23, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Ordinances.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injures and Damages, viz:

Gary Lewis  
Madalaine Vericker  
Paul LaTorre  
Maria Aceto  
Progressive a/s/o Mohamed Elbardissy  
Progressive a/s/o Jose Evora  
Elizabeth Stone (Paul S. Cantor, Esquire)  
Erinkate A. Heap  
Yansinette Merced Cruz  
Donald F. Beohner  
Metlife Auto & Home a/s/o Marjorie Remy  
Ava Hamilton (Anthony J. Gianfrancesco, Esquire)  
Madelin Tejeda Jose  
Stephen E. Smith  
Angel Vega  
Robert Berube  
Clinton Aneni (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)  
Verizon  
Dario S. Urbaez  
Michael Parenteau (Jack D. Mycroft, Esquire)  
Joseph C. Domenico (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)  
Benjamin R. Standridge  
James Bendokas  
Kevin Randall

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Jim Mendelson, Providence Innovation District Phase I Owner, LLC, submitting the Annual Progress Report required by Section 9.1 of the Tax Stabilization Agreement between the City of Providence and Providence Innovation District Phase I Owner, LLC.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from Council President Sabina Matos, dated January 19, 2021, submitting her resignation as a Member of the Special Committee on Economic Growth Strategies.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere  
Congratulations to the following:

Phillip Craig Matheson in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to Providence Water.

Manuel Pedroso in recognition of the celebration of 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on November 18, 2020 and for his contribution to the Fox Point Community. His years of service and leadership continue to inspire and enrich our City.

Matthew Everett Taylor in recognition of the celebration of his 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

Officer Stephen P. Shea in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Providence Police Department and to the City of Providence.

Andy Chao in recognition of the honor of being elected President of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Sarath Say in recognition of the honor of being elected Vice President of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Khamden Soch in recognition of the honor of being elected Secretary of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Ratha Kwiat in recognition of the honor of being elected Treasurer of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Sambo Mom in recognition of the honor of being elected Assistant Treasurer of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Vanny Chea in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Job Development Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Rey Kong in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Art & Traditional Culture Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Samnang Becker in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Communications Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his to commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Jim Chao in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Finance Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Angelica Mey in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Education Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and her to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Suonriaksmay Keo in recognition of the honor of being elected as a member of the Youth Development Committee of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and his to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Phanida Phivilay in recognition of the honor of being elected as a Board Advisor of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and their commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Rev. Sokvourng Loem in recognition of the honor of being elected as a Board Advisor of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and their commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Rev. Sum Panha in recognition of the honor of being elected as a Board Advisor of the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island and their commitment and dedication to the Cambodian Community of Rhode Island.

Luis Fernandez in recognition of the ribbon cutting ceremony at his new home located at 181 Pavilion Avenue. Welcome to the community.

Nancy Almonte in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Anita Bruno in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Jameela Dunston in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Shemeta Miller in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Nydia Nelson in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Juanita Negron in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Carmen Roman in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Claudette Smith in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Michelle and Robert Ziobrowski in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the 2020 Cooking for the Community Christmas Event on December 23, 2020.

Fire Captain John P. Mangione, Ladder Company 6, Group C, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 33 years and 3 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Fire Captain John H. Fallon III, Engine Company 6, Group B, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 28 years and 9 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Thomas J. Balutowski, Arson Investigator, Car 79, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 32 years and 3 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

John Zuffoletti, Fire Investigator, Car 56, Group B, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 28 years and 9 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Lieutenant Roland R. Jacob, Engine Company 10, Group C, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 30 years and 9 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Firefighter Daniel F. Isles, Ladder Company 2, Group D, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 33 years and 3 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Firefighter Michael J. Laboissiere, Ladder Company 6, Group C, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 30 years and 9 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Rescue Technician John P. Tierney, Rescue Company 5, Group B, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Inspector Christopher C. Richards, Fire Prevention Bureau, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 29 years and 4 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Dispatcher Lieutenant Joseph A. Misto, Bureau of Communications, Group A, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 28 years and 10 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Norberto Rodriguez, Dominican Republic Congressman, in recognition of his entrepreneurial vision and political activism and his engagement in transnational activities in addressing social inequalities and injustices in the Dominican Republic.

Lisa Guillette, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Women United Award.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

Thomas Angelo Pullano

Charlotte "Rosie" Watkins

Bounoun Bouthavong

Gerald "Jerry the Laundry Man" DeSiderato

Juan Bautista Estrella Diaz "Juan Pecaio"

Rose Ortega



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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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### **CONVENTION**

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Bienvendio “Bien” Garcia at 6:17 o’clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021**  
**at 5:30 o’clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK  
CITY CLERK**

