

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

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No. 38 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, December 4, 2014, 7:15 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON**

CALL TO ORDER

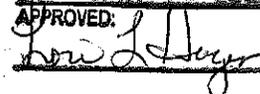
**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN APONTE,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON,
COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,
COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE,
COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER
- 14.**

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ - 1.

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A.
PETRONIO, ASSISTANT CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ASSISTANT CLERK
AND SEAN CREEGAN, ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR**

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 15 2015

APPROVED:
 **CLERK**

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL SOLOMON

Request filed with the Second Deputy City Clerk on December 2, 2014, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 4th day of December, 2014, Upon the Rise of the 7:00 o'clock City Council Meeting, in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the Second Deputy City Clerk to David Tassoni, City Sergeant, with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 4th day of December, 2014, Upon The Rise of the 7:00 o'clock City Council Meeting, in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Warrant.

RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2, "Administration," to add Article XXVII, "Economic Development Planning Commission."

WHEREAS, Providence does not currently have an overarching strategic economic development plan; and

WHEREAS, It is strongly recommended by various professional organizations that municipalities establish goals and objectives to attract the type of economic development they seek; and

WHEREAS, The City is in need of a citywide economic plan which incorporates the direction and focus for the development of Providence's economy; and

WHEREAS, The City should undertake the development of a plan with public participation and with City government participation at all levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 2, entitled, "Administration," is hereby amended to add Article XXVII, "Economic Development Planning Commission," as follows:

Sec. 2-403-Creation and Purpose of Commission.

The City shall establish an Economic Development Commission commencing in January 2015. The Commission shall develop and implement a written comprehensive economic development policy for the City and a strategic plan for implementing said policy. The policy shall set long-term goals and measurable benchmarks.

Sec. 2-404-Appointment and Term of Commission Members.

The Economic Development Planning Commission shall consist of 17 members. Six (6) members shall be appointed by the City Council and six (6) members shall be appointed by the Mayor, from among individuals with experience in higher education in Rhode Island, public policy, municipal government, the business community, development, environmental sustainability, and/or labor organizations. Additionally, the following individuals shall serve ex-officio on the Economic Development Planning Commission: the Director of Economic Development, who shall serve as chair; the Director of Inspections and Standards; the Director of Planning and Development; the Director of Finance; and the Superintendent of Schools. Members shall be appointed in the January following a municipal election, and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until an economic development plan has been approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Sec. 2-405-Commission Activities.

- (a) The Commission shall, with the Director of Economic Development, and the Director of Planning and Development, develop and implement a written comprehensive economic development policy for the City and a strategic plan for implementing the policy. The policy shall set long-term goals and measurable benchmarks which are not limited to a particular mayoral administration, and shall give consideration to any impacts the plan may have on businesses employing ten (10) or fewer people. The strategic plan shall include any major economic development initiatives and programs of the Office of Economic Development, the Department of Planning and Development, and any other relevant agencies and departments.
- (b) In developing the economic development plan and policy, the Commission shall review the published economic development plan and policy in effect at the commencement of the Mayor's term.
- (c) In carrying out its responsibilities, the Commission may:
 - (1) Accept grant funds and in-kind contributions from governmental and private entities;
 - (2) Hold public hearings;
 - (3) Invite academic experts and other witnesses to submit testimony; and
 - (4) Subject to funding, contract with experts and consultants as necessary to inform deliberations and recommendations.
- (d) Upon approval by the Commission of the plan and policy, the Commission shall submit the plan and policy to the City Council. The approved plan and policy shall be published in writing and on the official website of the City not later than December 31 of that year.

Sec. 2-406. - Cooperation required.

The Office of Economic Development, and the Department of Planning and Development shall be responsible for staffing the work of the Commission. All departments represented on the Commission shall cooperate with the Commission to facilitate the purposes of this article. All departments, offices, boards and agencies of the City shall cooperate with the Economic Development Planning Commission, and furnish such administrative and staff support, advice, information, documents and otherwise, data and data analyses and other support as may be necessary or desirable.

Sec. 2-407. Meetings; records.

In addition to any other applicable law, rules or regulations, the Economic Development Planning Commission shall be subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Title 42, Chapter 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Public Records Act, Title 38, Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Nicholas J. Narducci, Councilman
AYES:	Solomon, Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Salvatore, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Sanchez – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILMAN SETH YURDIN, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Severally Adopted, As Amended:

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 14, Article XII of the Code of Ordinances Entitled “Body Works Services”.

Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Nicholas J. Narducci, Councilman
AYES:	Solomon, Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Salvatore, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Sanchez – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN ZURIER Request the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I would like add my thanks for your service as President. When the city was in great difficult financial straits, the Mayor said someday we will look back on this as our finest hour. He was quoting Winston Churchill when England was being bombed by Germany and it felt about the same way here in the City of Providence for many of us in your ability to take us through what was one of the city's most difficult times. The other thing I need to say because this is our last Council Meeting is to thank Councilman Sanchez for his service on the City Council. This was someone who decided what he thought was right and he would not back down. He was one of the most persistent and passionate fighters for his neighborhood. While I didn't always agree about the issues he brought up, I think he was a valuable public servant and I'm sure his constituents appreciate him just as much as we do. Thank you."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN YURDIN

An Ordinance Amending Article I, "In General" of Chapter 18, "Parks and Recreation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by adding thereto Section 18-22, Entitled, "Sale or Use of Tobacco Products in Parks."

Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Nicholas J. Narducci, Councilman
AYES:	Solomon, Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Salvatore, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Sanchez – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" with Respect to Plat 26, Lots 58, 329 and 366.

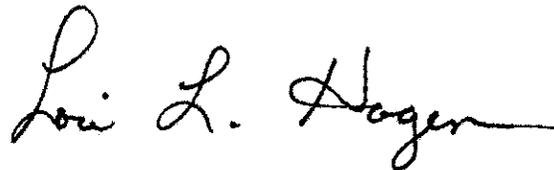
Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Nicholas J. Narducci, Councilman
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ABSENT:	Sanchez – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:30 o'clock P.M., to meet again **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 , 2014 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori L. Hagen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

LORI L. HAGEN
SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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