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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 1 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 6, 2022, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 9.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILOR SALVATORE – 6.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ACTING CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE GIRARD, ASSISTANT CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **FATHER IRENAEUS DUNLEAVY, OP, SAINT PIUS CHURCH**

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Good and gracious God who orders all things sweetly by Your province. Please put forth Your spirit upon these councilmen and women, those present and absent and all those here who participate in your governance of this city named after Your divine attribute of Providence. We all make this prayer in the in name of Jesus as we pray in the words that he gave us. Our Father who art in heaven, hollowed by the name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. May the peace and love of God descend upon all of you here and remain with you. The Father, and the Son, and the Holy, Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SONG BY SHIQUAN DAVIS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. IGLIOZZI'S ADDRESS

Council President John Igliazzi's January 6, 2022 Address to the Providence City Council

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Happy New Year and Welcome Back: Council Members, and the People of Providence.

2021 was a year that continued to bring us many challenges-individually, as a community, and as a nation.

One year ago today, the country survived an attack on our nation's capital-an attack that sought to undermine our Democracy. Our country survived that immediate threat, but we continue to face ongoing challenges to our democratic form of government-at the national, state, and local level. For Democracy to grow and flourish, to remain resilient, we must promote open and reasonable dialogue, and we have to act with empathy, NOT violence.

The number one priority for the City Council has been-and always will be-making sure Providence City government *works for* the people of Providence. That it functions *for them*. What we do this year in Providence and Rhode Island will impact how well our representative democracy-our republic here in Providence-works to serve the people of our capital city.

COVID-19 IMPACTS

Sadly, Providence continues enduring the devastating impacts of COVID-19 that began nearly two years ago.

To date, approximately **600 Providence residents** have passed away from the coronavirus, including the loved ones of those present here tonight. I ask for a moment of silence to remember those who have passed away and to offer our prayers to those they left behind.

In addition to the devastating loss of life, COVID-19 has impacted our families, friends, and neighbors in many other ways:

- Individuals have lost their jobs due to layoffs or illness.
- Businesses have struggled during these difficult times-some have closed, and some are still struggling-especially our Providence restaurants, hotels, and small, locally-owned businesses. These businesses are among the hardest hit from the pandemic, and more so in Providence than anywhere else in the state.
- The housing crisis in Providence became even more dire for those without shelter during COVID-19.
- Violence and other threats to public health and safety.
- The isolation and suffering of older residents.
- Lost learning time for our students.

COVID RECOVERY

Although there are many challenges, we always look ahead to the future.

Fortunately, at this moment in time, we have a rare opportunity to make lasting improvements in the lives of our residents and for the people of Providence as a whole. We have the resources, the tools-and we have a plan to rebuild, restabilize and restore. In fact, some of that work has already started.

Last July, this City Council passed a budget that directed a portion American Rescue Plan Act funds to address immediate needs across our city.

HOUSING

To address the most urgent cases, the Council allocated \$500,000 in ARPA funds for homelessness intervention. As a result, Crossroads Rhode Island will be able to provide more support to get individuals and families into permanent housing. The next ARPA budget we pass in the coming months will also prioritize housing and homelessness intervention.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Another area COVID-19 impacted is public safety. Unfortunately, in 2021, we saw a disturbing trend of increased violence in our neighborhoods. From gun violence to assaults to dangerous ATVs on our streets, Providence has been reeling from one tragedy to the next.

The City Council allocated ARPA funds for diversion and mental health services in public safety.

As a result of this funding, the Providence Police expanded a Public Safety Mental Health Initiative partnership with the Providence Center.

The City Council heard from the Chief of Police that the department was critically understaffed and needed to increase its ranks of sworn officers in order to bring back the successful community policing model it had in the past. This Council responded, funding two police academies. As a result, one class graduated in November, and we have 49 new officers on the street. And, another training academy with additional recruits will begin this spring. The Council is prepared to make an additional investment for another academy next year. These academies and recruits will continue to build a more diverse and empathetic police department that utilizes community policing to keep our city and neighborhoods safe.

PUBLIC BROADBAND & CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Yet another challenge COVID-19 brought to the forefront is the immense digital divide in our city-too many households in Providence lack consistent, reliable internet access. This lack of internet service interrupts and **limits access to** education, health care and the basic needs of everyday life-especially during an emergency.

We recognize free access to internet and information is one of the keys to success and health. That's why the Council initiated bringing **free public Wi-Fi** to our public parks and recreation centers.

I'm excited to announce that over the next several months, because of this Council-led initiative, and utilizing ARPA funds, the City will be going live with a pilot program of free Wi-Fi in seven neighborhood parks throughout the city, in time for the spring and summer.

These investments are just a few examples of the ways the City Council is working with stakeholders on COVID recovery efforts to successfully address immediate needs and restore a strong foundation for the city and its residents in the long-term.

That strong foundation must also include:

- safe and clean parks, streets and sidewalks;
- An efficient and well-functioning sewer system; and
- Upgraded stormwater management and green infrastructure.

These are not the most exciting projects, but infrastructure investments like these are imperative and are the foundation of providing City services to the city of Providence. We must make short- and long-term investment in safe and clean city and environment.

COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE CHECKS AND BALANCES

Another important role for the City Council this year is to provide checks and balances and accountability related to the expenditure of ARPA funds. This oversight is a significant part of the Council's role as a co-equal branch of government.

Transparency is crucial to the success of the investments we make with the \$166 million in federal rescue funds, and in ensuring that the public benefits from these investments. We have a fiduciary duty to make sure that the funds are being spent appropriately, in compliance with federal regulations, and on schedule.

That is why, as part of the ARPA budget, I will be recommending the Council retain the services of an independent auditor to track, monitor and prepare bi-weekly reports on ARPA expenditures.

This will allow the Council and the public to monitor the progress of every ARPA dollar.

2022-OTHER LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the ARPA budget and the upcoming Community Development Block Grant budget, the Council has other significant legislative responsibilities in 2022.

This year, the ward boundary lines will be redrawn to reflect the population growth in the city of Providence. We have gained almost 13,000 residents, with the Census showing our population growing from 178,000 in 2010 to nearly 191,000 in 2020.

Every 10 years, we adjust the ward boundaries and voting districts based on the decennial Census to ensure that voting remains fair and equitable for everyone in our city. The new voting districts will be in effect for the elections later this year.

Another legislative responsibility we have this year is the Charter Review Commission, which just held its first meeting last night. The Charter Review Commission is charged with reviewing the City Charter, which is the City's constitution-the way we govern ourselves.

During this very important City Charter review process, it's vital that we engage in open discussion and dialogue with the people of Providence. The process has the potential to strengthen our democracy and make our city government more resilient. As part of this process, we plan to hold multiple charrettes-public-focused forums-throughout the city so that we can get input from as many residents and stakeholders as possible. And, each and every voter will have the opportunity to weigh in on any proposed Charter changes that are placed on the November ballot.

These two legislative initiatives-Ward Boundaries and Charter Review-will shape our city for the next decade, and I urge all of you-my Council colleagues, and the people of Providence-to participate and make your voices heard on these important issues.

2022 will also see the impacts of a statistical property revaluation in Providence, which will have an impact on our constituents and their tax bills.

As we know from home sales, we are in the middle of major fluctuations in the housing market, affecting homeowners and renters alike, potentially forcing constituents out of their homes. Regardless of the effect of revaluation, we commit to doing everything we can to hold the line on property taxes and if we can, to lower them. And, to make all housing units more affordable and livable.

Now, more than ever, we need to provide as much stability in our neighborhoods and city as we can.

CLOSING

Twenty-five years ago, I was elected city councilman for the seventh ward, a position that I have been humbled and honored to hold, in service to the city I love. I am proud to serve my final year as Council President, especially at this time.

The Council's role this year will be a historic one. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to solve some systemic problems, and to plan for a future that starts **right now**, where City government, our democracy, works for the people who live here. We as a Council have an urgent responsibility to help Providence rebuild, restabilize and restore its foundation. That's why, what we do this year in Providence is so important. The work we do this year will impact City government and the people of Providence for the long-term. I look forward to your input, and your ideas.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our city.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARTIST DAN MITROVIC

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Recognizing Dan Mitrovic for Artistry in Creating the Providence City Council Seal for the Council Chamber.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council Seal traces its origins back to the desk of the town clerk in the 18th century and was formerly adopted by the Board of Aldermen in April of 1834; and

WHEREAS, The seal was redesigned and adopted by the City Council after the Board of Aldermen was abolished in 1941, however much of the imagery and symbolism remained unchanged; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-340 of the Providence Code of Ordinances describes the meaning of the seal as follows: 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; and

WHEREAS, The purpose and meaning of the Council seal serves as an important reminder for all on the significant role the City Council plays in the safe and effective operation of our municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Dan Mitrovic, a recent graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, dedicated numerous hours in diligently recreating the Council seal as described in the Code of Ordinances and was able to produce the incredible hand painted Seal that will hang in the Council Chamber for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes Dan Mitrovic for his outstanding artistry in creating the hand painted Providence City Council Seal for the Council Chamber.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Move to Read item number 3 into the record and Moves Passage on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

ELECTION

Election of One (1) Member to the Providence External Review Authority (PERA).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI calls for Nominations of One (1) Member to the Providence External Review Authority (PERA)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Nominates **DARRELL D. WILLIAMS**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI calls for further nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **DARRELL D. WILLIAMS**.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI thereupon declares **DARRELL D. WILLIAMS** duly elected as a member of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA), for the ensuing term of three years ending on December 31, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 31 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 2, 2021, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCILMAN Taylor Moves Approval of the item number 5, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated November 17, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Article II, Section 2, of the Providence Business Loan Fund, Inc., bylaws, he is this day appointing Chief of External Affairs **Theresa Agonia** as his designee on the **Providence Business Loan Fund, Inc.**, Board of Directors.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 15, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Lois Harada**, Printmaker at DWRI Letterpress of 40 Rice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2022. (Ms. Harada replaces Mr. Almeida who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 15, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Yasmin Vobis** of 1155 Westminster Street, #307, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2023.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 21, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Wayne Montague** of 51 Wabun Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Recreational Advisory Board** for a term to expire on September 30, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 23, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50 Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and Section 18½-2 of the Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Michael Fontaine**, Esquire of Fontaine Bell & Associates, 1 Davol Square Penthouse, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, to the **Providence External Review Authority**, for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-14-2 of the Rhode Island General Law, he is this day designating Providence **City Forester Douglas Still** as **Tree Warden**.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Elizabeth Gordon Martin** of 98 Stanton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Board of Park Commissioners** for a term to expire January 31, 2026.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) 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 **David Stuebe** of 10 Ellery Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Ethics Commission** for a term to expire on February 5, 2026.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day appointing **Vivian Medina** of 22 Whelan Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2027.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1101 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 **Ateesh S. Chanda** of 76 Taber Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Water Supply Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2026. (Mr. Chanda replaces Mr. Khamsyvoravong whose term has expired.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day re-appointing **Allesandro Montanari** of 31 Foch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Alan Chille**, General Manager of the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybossett Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as an alternate member - property owner representative of the **DownCity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing Architect **Rachel Hampton** of 296 Morris Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as an alternate member - architect of the **DownCity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 18, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the Several Communications.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 **Sylvia Bernal** of 26 Vernon Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) 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 **Abraham Pinales** of 136 Edgewood Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on July 31, 2023, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Shomari Husband** of 37 Moore Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Robert L. Ricci** of 100 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 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 re-appointing **Kai X. Lo Muscio** of 1118 Narragansett Boulevard, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 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 **Yuselly Mendoza** of 121 Julian Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Mendoza replaces Mr. Teo who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 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 **Anthony Santurri** of 90 Main Street, Unit 895, Slatersville, Rhode Island, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Santurri replaces Mr. Vadnais who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 **Travis Escobar** of 44 Sycamore Street 1F, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 **Night Jean Muhingabo** of 503 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Muhingabo replaces Mr. Hemond who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 **Jesus Nunez** of 74 Bridgham Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Nunez replaces Ms. Pande who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2022, 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 **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, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 through 29, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council December 2, 2021, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES AND 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.

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 and additions underlined:

ARTICLE 12. USES

1200 Prohibited Uses

F. 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; bulk storage of liquid propane 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

1204 Use Definitions

Z. Tank Farm. The storage of chemicals, petroleum products, ethanol products, propane products, hazardous materials, and similar substances in aboveground or belowground storage containers designed for wholesale distribution. This does not include liquefied natural gas or liquified propane gas.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves Passages of the Ordinance the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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| RESULT: | READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliozi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Article 1, "In General", Section 16-21 "Loud or Unruly Gatherings - Public Nuisance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item number 31, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Ordinances |

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

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

Arup USA, Inc. \$4,319,698.00
(Department of Planning & Development)

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Move to Withdraw item number 32, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. \$4,739,417.00
(Police Department)

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

A.G.I. Construction, Inc.
Biszko Construction Corporation
Boyle & Fogarty Construction Company
D'Ercole Construction, Inc.
Dewcon, Inc.
Ricci Drain-Laying Co., Inc.
R.P. Iannuccillo & Sons Construction Company
R. Zoppo Corporation
W. Walsh Company, Inc.
(Providence Water Supply Board) \$15,000,000.00

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #6 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

McMahon Associates
(Department of Planning & Development)

\$78,900.00

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 33 through 35, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY

Resolution Calling on the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of Police to accept the offer of services from Attorney Richard Sinapi of Sinapi Law Associates.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item number 36, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

**COUNCILMEN CORREIA, TAYLOR, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, NARDUCCI,
VARGAS, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND RYAN**

Resolution Regarding the transfer of the 1981 Special Hazard Vehicle to the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has deemed its 1981 Mack R-Model Special Hazards vehicle as an obsolete piece of equipment that is no longer a viable tool for the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society has requested the former Special Hazards vehicle as it was the first heavy rescue purchased by the City of Providence and is a significant piece of firefighting history; and

WHEREAS, The City Council requests the transfer of the following equipment to the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society:

1(one) 1981 Mack R-Model Special Hazards Vehicle
VIN No. R611FC1063

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence take any and all appropriate action to donate said equipment to the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society.

**COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN,
COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND RYAN**

Resolution Calling on the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the Traffic Engineer to reduce the speed limit on Allens Avenue.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a citywide speed limit of 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, There have been multiple occasions of severe accidents on Allens Avenue that have put the residents and drivers' safety at risk; and

WHEREAS, In 2016 the Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission recommended lowering the speed limit on Allens Avenue from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the traffic engineer reduce the speed limit on Allens Avenue from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour for public safety concerns and to be consistent with the speed limit on the length of Allens Avenue that extends to the City of Cranston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and the Traffic Engineer.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 37 and 38 and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Resolution Regarding the transfer of the 1981 Special Hazard Vehicle to the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society.

RESULT: PASSED [9 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilman Taylor
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6.

Resolution Calling on the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the Traffic Engineer to reduce the speed limit on Allens Avenue.

RESULT: PASSED [8 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilman Taylor
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 8.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6.
RECUSED: Council President Igliazzi – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI,
COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA,
ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN
LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI,
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILMEN
TAYLOR AND VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing Lieutenant James Barros.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant James Barros was appointed to the Providence Police Department as a patrol officer in November of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Barros is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, including the Combat Ribbon in 2004, the City Council Award in 2014 and 2017, and a Merit Award for his role in the Police Department's Training Academy receiving P.O.S.T. certification status for its curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Barros previously served in the Detective Bureau, Investigative Division and has been a member of the RI Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) team and the Special Response Team since 2007; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2010 Officer Barros was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was transferred to the Patrol Bureau, Uniformed Division; and

WHEREAS, On February 26, 2012, he was transferred to the Training Bureau, Administrative Division, where he was designated as the Deputy Director of Training for the 67th and 68th Training Academies; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Barros is known to have a close relationship with the residents of Ward 11 where he is greatly appreciated for his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his hard work and dedication to the Providence Police Department and the residents of the City of Providence, Lieutenant James Barros is being promoted to the rank of Captain; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its warmest congratulations to Lieutenant James Barros on his upcoming promotion to the rank of Captain in the Providence Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council would also like to express its deepest gratitude to Lieutenant Barros for his continued dedication and service to the Providence Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Providence Police Department, and Lieutenant James Barros.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Read into the record item number 39 and Moves Passage on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliozi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, TAYLOR, VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE

Resolution Recognizing Haitian Independence Day.

WHEREAS, The people of Haiti celebrate the 218th anniversary of Haiti’s independence from France, the significance of which transcends the territorial boundaries of the Latin American nation; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1804, Haiti became the first country in the Western Hemisphere to declare sovereignty from a European power, but also was the first among its neighbors to abolish slavery; and

WHEREAS, Haiti holds the unique distinction of being the only country where a revolt led by enslaved people successfully culminated in independence and in the establishment of the first Black republic in history; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Revolution radically challenged the foundations of societies in the Western Hemisphere and abroad as it represented some of the most important democratic ideals such as sovereignty, freedom and the legal equality of all persons, when all of Latin America and the Caribbean remained under European colonial rule which was designed to build the European economies and societies off of the labor of enslaved Africans; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Revolution's defeat of the colonial armies of France, Britain and Spain inspired revolutionaries and slave communities all over the Americas and the precedent set by the Haitian people signaled that freedom and equality were not impossible; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Americans have made significant contributions and influenced the history, culture, and achievements of the country as a whole, the State of Rhode Island, and to the City of Providence, and it is important for all of us to gain a greater appreciation for Haitian history and traditions and their impact on our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby acknowledges January 1 as Haitian Independence Day in perpetuity, and further joins Haitians in the United States and abroad in commemorating the remarkable event in the history of the Latin American nation, its people, the Americas and the world.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Read into the record item number 40 and Moves Passage on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, HARRIS, LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE

Resolution Recognizing the Providence Water Supply Board Chairman Xaykham Khamsyvoravong.

WHEREAS, Xaykham Khamsyvoravong was appointed to the Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) in September of 2013 where he was then elected as the chairman by the Board; and

WHEREAS, In his 8 years of dedicated service chairman Khamsyvoravong has championed impactful initiatives such as e-billing, auto-pay, and the acquisitions of the East Smithfield Water District and the Johnston Water District; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Khamsyvoravong has led significant green initiatives including the construction and relocation of the Central Operations Facility including a rooftop solar array, the expansion of the vehicle electrification program, and the Pine Hill Solar Project; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Khamsyvoravong has successfully worked to address lead issues in the City of Providence by advocating for a Private Side Lead Service Replacement Loan Program, a system-wide orthophosphate chemical feed system, funding for lead-free watering stations for schools, a \$6.4 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for lead service line replacements, as well as a \$400,000 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) grant from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Khamsyvoravong's time with the Water Supply Board expires at the end of December 2021 and his tenure with the Board will be remembered for the many meaningful and lasting improvements that have been made for the people of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5) and Providence City Council hereby extend their deepest gratitude to Chairman Xaykham Khamsyvovong for his visionary leadership and dedicated stewardship of the Providence Water Supply Board during his tenure and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Providence Water Supply Board, and Chairman Khamsyvovong.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Read into the record item number 41 and Moves Passage on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, HARRIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, NARDUCCI, VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution Calling on the Providence Housing Authority to maximize their allocation of Project Based Vouchers to stimulate the development of Affordable Housing.

WHEREAS, The Providence Housing Authority (PHA) is responsible for providing and developing affordable housing to ensure that our residents have decent and affordable places to live; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 45-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws provides City Housing Authorities, including the PHA, since 1935, with broad and sweeping powers necessary and convenient to address, investigate, plan, create and administer public and private funds by all means to improve and expand the City's available affordable housing stock within its boundaries for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2017 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S Census Bureau, 46.81% of the Providence population are housing cost-burdened; and

WHEREAS, Over the years there has been a significant increase in demand for the production of affordable housing units in the City; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the 2001 amendments to federal housing law allows public housing agencies to convert up to twenty (20%) percent of their Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) portfolio to Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs); and

WHEREAS, The PBV program is a critical tool to creating affordable housing by providing deep subsidies to disabled, elderly and low-income households and uniquely complimenting the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and other scarce affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, The PHA's mission statement as contained in its most recent Strategic Plan states, "PHA provides and develops quality and safe affordable housing opportunities and services to address the needs of Rhode Island residents."; and

WHEREAS, The PHA, with its existing unbridled statutory authority and pursuant to its own promulgated Mission Statement needs to act with urgency to address the affordable housing crisis facing our City and should convert its HUD HCV program vouchers to the maximum allowable number of Project Based Vouchers so as to capitalize on this under-utilized resource for the benefit of the people of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls on the Providence Housing Authority to convert its HCV portfolio to the maximum allowable number of Project-Based Vouchers as permitted by federal housing law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council further calls on the PHA to amend its annual mandatory and ancillary filings namely its annual plan, administrative plan and otherwise to reflect its commitment to acting with urgency to convert its HCV portfolio to the maximum allowable number of Project-Based Vouchers permissible under federal housing law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Executive Director of the Providence Housing Authority.

COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, TAYLOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Requesting an assessment of all city-owned real estate.

WHEREAS, In October 2019, the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development began work on Providence’s first Anti-Displacement and Comprehensive Housing Strategy in coordination with RKG Associates; and

WHEREAS, According to the report, the rental market demand gap is most acute for households earning at or below 30% of area median income with a projected shortage of 7,300 price-appropriate rental units by 2030; and

WHEREAS, The report further identified that the homeownership market demand gap is largest for households earning 50-80% of area median income with a projected shortage of 500 price-appropriate homeownership units by 2030; and

WHEREAS, On September 3, 2020, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution requesting a list of all assets owned by the City of Providence and the Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA), including real estate; and

WHEREAS, The PRA has finalized their inventory of real estate owned by the Agency in compliance with the resolution, and has furnished said inventory to the lead sponsor of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the city to understand the status of each property, including the completion of site assessments at each of the real estate holdings; and

WHEREAS, Vacant lots, including PRA and city-owned property throughout Providence have become a nuisance, containing overgrowth and illegal dumping causing environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, Depressed neighborhoods are victims of crime related to unkept and underdeveloped properties owned by the City of Providence and the Providence Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, The initial estimates conducted by the PRA shows over 150 city owned vacant lots that represent an untapped resource in the City’s efforts to make meaningful investments in the development of affordable housing for the residents of Providence; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that more detailed site assessments are immediately conducted of all real estate owned by the PRA and the City of Providence in order to explore potential avenues for the development of affordable housing or other public services on these otherwise unutilized parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requires that the administration hire a consultant to conduct a detailed analysis of all city-owned real estate for the purpose of identifying avenues for the development of affordable housing or other public services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of the Department of Public Property, the Director of Department of Planning and Development, the Providence Redevelopment Agency, and the Providence Public Building Authority.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves Waive the Reading of items 42 and 43 Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., 2 Williams Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903-2918, requesting a permanent easement over a portion of Brook Street.

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy, Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, requesting to abandon a portion of Eastwood Street located on Assessor's Plat 105, Lots 419, 420, 421, 422 and 386.

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy, Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of Patriot Storage LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 105, Lots 419, 420, 421 and 422 from R-2 to M-1.

Petition from Nicholas J. Hemond, Esquire, Darrow Everett, LLP, One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 on behalf of Federal Products Corporation and Paolino Realty, LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 291 (1144 Eddy Street), from M-2 zone to MU75 zone.

Petition from Francis Parra, Teatro Group, LLC, 679 Valley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 27, Lot 90 (681 Valley Street) and Assessor's Plat 27, Lot 95 (75 Rathbone Street), from M1 to M-MU.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 44 through 48, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers items 44 and 45 to the Committee on Public Works and refer items 46 through 48 to the Committee on Ordinances.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED Items 44 through 45 |
| TO: | Committee on Public Works |

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| RESULT: | REFERRED Items 46 through 48 |
| TO: | Committee on Ordinances |

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

- Steven Piscopiello
- Geico c/o ISG a/s/o Jessica C. Eagles
- Chloe A. Davis (Sinapi Law Associates, LTD)
- Ada E. Williams
- Jacob T. Noreau
- James MacGeachey
- Howard Cimaglio (Robert J. Levine, Esquire)
- Frank Sanchez
- RIPTA
- Musses Gebremariam
- Brenda Liz Santiago (Michael R. Lombardi, Esquire)
- Progressive Direct Insurance a/s/o Pamela L. Stewart
- Veolia Water
- Veolia Water
- Steven Iacovino
- ISG Insurance a/s/o Geico- Ashley Lee

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Peter Mahoney, Director of Development, John M. Corcoran & Co., LLC, 100 Grandview Road, Suite 203, Braintree, MA 02184, submitting the Tax Stabilization Agreement Annual Report - Station Row Apartments (Plat 4, Lot 262), formerly known as The Commons at Providence Station.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item number 50, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the Communication.

RESULT: **RECEIVED**

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Andres C. Brito, in recognition of him receiving his Chiropractic Doctoral Degree.

Profesor Victor Soto, en reconocimiento de los miembros del consejo legislativo de la Ciudad extienden sus mejores deseos en esta memorable ocasion, deseandole un futuro prometedor y buena venturado por su gran entrega y esfuerzo al deporte y al servicio a la comunidad.

Alcalde de la junta Municipal de Pantoja Santo Domingo Oeste Fidel De Los Santos, en reconocimiento de los miembros del consejo legislativo de la Ciudad extienden sus mejores deseos en esta memorable ocasion, deseandole un futuro prometedor y buena venturado por su gran entrega y esfuerzo al deporte y al servicio a la comunidad.

Director de Ajuste de Estatus de la BPA Lic. Robert Rosario, en reconocimiento de los miembros del consejo legislativo de la Ciudad extienden sus mejores deseos en esta memorable ocasion, deseandole un futuro prometedor y buena venturado por su gran entrega y esfuerzo al deporte y al servicio a la comunidad.

Directora de Organizacion de FENACO y de la BPA Eriseida Estevez, en reconocimiento de los miembros del consejo legislativo de la Ciudad extienden sus mejores deseos en esta memorable ocasion, deseandole un futuro prometedor y buena venturado por su gran entrega y esfuerzo al deporte y al servicio a la comunidad.

The Honorable Sabina Matos, in recognition of her dedicated service to the residents of Wiggin Village and the City of Providence.

Anthony Sauro, in recognition of his long-time support of the community at Wiggin Village and his service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Eugenio Fernandez Jr., in recognition of his work providing health care information and health services to the community of Wiggin Village and other areas of the state throughout the Covid-19 crisis.

Marcillia Huguley, in recognition of her dedicated service to the residents of Wiggin Village.

Markeata West, in recognition of her support and tireless commitment to the Wiggin Village Community.

Chase Bank, in recognition of the celebration of their grand opening at 280 Valley St, Providence RI 02909. Welcome to the neighborhood.

Rockwell Amusements, in recognition of their continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

State Towing, in recognition of their continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

Dottie McCaffrey, in recognition of her continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

Danny's Appliance, in recognition of their continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

Movement Mortgage, in recognition of their continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

Special Signal Fire Association, in recognition of their continued support of the Christmas at Joslin event.

Community Angels, in celebration of their Annual Holiday and Award Ceremony honoring Volunteers and Sponsors.

Mr. Merrill R. Thomas, CEO & President of Providence Community Health Centers, in recognition of being the keynote speaker at the 2021 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Monsurat Ottun, in recognition of his being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's Young Professional Award in recognition and praise of your path to changing the course of our collective community through inclusion and equity with emphasis on youth leadership development.

Danlette F. Johnson Norris, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's President Circle Award, in appreciation for reaching out and empowering the lives of all African immigrants in our community.

Kyle L. Bennett, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's Community Public Service Award for his untiring work in public service defining challenges in our African Immigrant Community.

Beverly J. Wiley, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's Community Diversity Service Award for her service and commitment of Diversity and Equity efforts in community organizations in Rhode Island.

Pastor Christopher O. Abhulime, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's Community Leadership Service Award for his service and leadership in the African Immigrant Community in Rhode Island.

Dr. Ruth Dapaah-Afriyie, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2021 Oasis International African Center of RI's Professional Achievement Award in recognition and sincere appreciation for her service and dedication in the Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island communities.

Olney Street Baptist Church, in recognition of their 120th Anniversary of the founding of Olney Street Baptist Church on December 19, 1901 and to the founding members: Mark Morris, Armstead Lewis, Wesley Watson, Benjamin Mabray, John Walker, Frank White and Frank Bowen, thank you for their commitment to spiritual growth, stewardship, ministry and community in Mount Hope and the City of Providence.

Pablo Fernandez, in recognition of his Bolivian culture.

Fire Captain Jack Devlin, Engine 9, Group "D", in recognition of his retirement after 29 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Fire Lieutenant Eric Fallon, Ladder Company 6, Group "D", in recognition of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Providence Fire Dispatcher Lieutenant Scott Derry, in recognition of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Providence Fire Investigator Troy Ashe, Car 56, in recognition of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Providence Fire Lieutenant Patrick O’Conner, Engine 14, Group “B”, in recognition of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Fire Captain Dennis Tucker, Engine 5, Group “A”, in recognition of his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department and the City of Providence.

Bob Cain, in recognition of his retirement after 34 years at the Department of Public Works - Highway Department.

Dan Mitrovic, Artist, in recognition of his outstanding Artistry in creating the Providence City Council Seal for the Council Chamber.

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

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Iglizzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Providence Fire Captain Thomas L. Geremia Jr.
Nellie Elizabeth Allen
Joan F. Lombardi
Anna Picone
Antonietta A. DiGregorio
Merrill Anne Brennan
William Francis Connors
John Frederick Smollins
Vittoria Battista Florio
Livia S. Donnelly
John J. DeSantis
Retired Fire Lieutenant Joseph Serpa
Ramona Mercedes Reynoso
Edmund P. "Eddy" Calcagni

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

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Taylor |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Correia, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller and Councilor Salvatore – 6. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Suspend Rules 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to take a Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

An Ordinance Adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Budget for the period of January 6, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Vittoria Battista Florio, Retired Communications Crew Chief Edmund P. "Eddy" Calcagni, Retired Providence Fire Dispatcher Joseph Serpa, Nellie Allen, Ramona Reynoso, Sheryl Taylor, Mary Sormanti, Suzanne Turner Dooley, Nanleomariz Albizu, Margaret Mancini, Amantina Espinal, Billy Williams, Amelia Morales and Mordel Oriana at 7:23 o'clock P.M., to meet again
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.



**TINA L. MASTROIANNI
ACTING CITY CLERK**