

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



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



IN CITY COUNCIL  
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APPROVED:  
*Anna L. Mastromanno* CLERK

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 27 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2023, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

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### **PRESIDING**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **RACHEL M. MILLER**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 12.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS – 3.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **PASTOR SANDRA MILLER, SHEKINAH FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER.**

"Thank you so much inviting me. To the Honorable Mayor Brett Smiley, to Councilor Rachel Miller our President, to Deputy Majority Leader Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris and to the members of the City Council of every district and ward. Thank you for the opportunity to be here this evening. I have great respect for the process of our local government and I consider it a privilege to lead the invocation tonight. Bow your heads and let us pray. God of Justice, God of Mercy and Grace, we thank you for this day and for the blessings of family, friends and neighbors. We especially thank you for the people in our city who have been entrusted with the responsibility for making decisions that affect the dignity, the safety and the well beings of all our communities neighborhoods, family and residents of our beautiful Capital City. Give us the courage to set aside our differences, guide us with your wisdom and help us to speak with honesty, kindness and clarity as we work together to make Providence a place that everyone can be proud to call home., Fill us with your vision oh God, guide us to live by your vision, working to build a beloved community where everyone is welcome, all are valued and power is shared. Father, guide us in everything in your wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Father, through Jesus Christ we pray and all Gods people say. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON** 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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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 26 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 2, 2023.

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

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

## **APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated November 3, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1-31 passed in 1987 and Ordinance 2020-36, No. 349 Approved October 22, 2020, he is this day appointing **Tiffini Bowers** of 163 Ottawa Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02889 to the **Special Committee for Commemorative Works**. (Ms. Bowers replaces Mr. McWilliams whose term has expired).

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## **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated November 9, 2023, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Sara W. Ingle** of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to the **North Main Street Task Force**.

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Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated November 9, 2023, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Jessica Lance** of the Providence Department of Planning and Development to the **North Main Street Task Force**.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 6, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 4 through 6.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinances were in City Council November 3, 2023, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN VARGAS AND GONCALVES, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-25, No. 341, Adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Budget for the period of April 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021, Approved July 16, 2021.

**Section 1** - The Budget for April 29, 2021 - December 31, 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is adopted as follows:

**ARPA Summer Programming:**

Summer Camp for Providence Residents	\$ 600,000
Summer Jobs for Providence Youth	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

<b>TOTAL ELIGIBLE SUMMER PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000</b>
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**ARPA Youth Investments:**

Early Learning Infrastructure	\$ 1,000,000
Youth and Family Broadband Access	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

<b>TOTAL YOUTH INVESTMENT FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>
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**ARPA Anti-Violence Investments**

Mentoring Program	\$ 1,100,000
Non-violence training	\$ 500,000
Year-round youth jobs	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

<b>TOTAL ANTI-VIOLENCE INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,600,000</b>
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**ARPA Funding to Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA)**

Roger Williams Park Gateway	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDING TO PRA</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>
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**ARPA Grants to Libraries:**

Providence Community Library	\$ 500,000
Providence Public Library	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

<b>TOTAL GRANTS TO LIBRARIES</b>	<b>\$ 600,000</b>
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**ARPA Grants to Non-profits:**

Homelessness Intervention	\$ 500,000
Providence Center	\$ 152,559
Waterfire, Inc.	\$ 300,000
<b>TOTAL GRANTS TO NON-PROFITS</b>	<b>\$ 952,559</b>

**ARPA Sewer Water Investment**

Street Sweeping and Sewer Repair	\$ 3,000,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>

**ARPA Funding to General Fund:**

FY21 Revenue Recovery	\$ 19,457,352
<b>TOTAL FUNDING TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 19,457,352</b>

**ARPA Small business relief program:**

Relief for small business in Providence	\$ 851,174
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 851,174</b>

**Neighborhood Investment Program**

Neighborhood Infrastructure Fun	\$ 6,148,826
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 6,148,826</b>

**ARPA Administration:**

FY21 to FY26 Administrative Expenditures	\$ 1,220,000
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 1,220,000</b>

**GRAND TOTAL FUNDING 4/29/2021 - 12/31/2024** **\$41,929,911**

**Section 2** - By June 1, 2024, any ARPA funds not encumbered, as outlined in Section 1, the Committee on Finance will receive a report on the spending and a proposal on how to spend any funds not encumbered.

**Section 3** - All funding referenced is subject to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending guidance. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a forfeiture of funding allocation. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Ordinance 2022-21 No. 190 Adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Budget for the period of January 6, 2022 through December 31, 2024, Approved May 20, 2022.

**Section 1** - The budget for January 6, 2022 - December 31, 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is adopted as follows:

## **SCHEDULE II**

### **Investment in Housing**

Affordable Housing Development (PRA transfer)	27,226,239
Home Repair Program	3,000,000
Affordable and Alternate Housing Programming	500,000
Emergency Housing Solutions	3,774,410
Expand Rapid Rehousing	1,225,590
Right to Counsel	1,200,000
Permanent Supportive Housing (PRA Transfer)	2,000,000
Facilities Development Program – PRA Transfer	<u>2,600,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING FOR HOUSING</b>	<b>41,526,239</b>

### **Investment in Water, Sewer, Broadband, Equipment, and Infrastructure**

Cybersecurity and Information Technology Investments	1,500,000
Parks and Recreation Capital Investment	3,500,000
Downtown Open Spaces	950,320
Stormwater and Sewer Repair	3,000,000
India Point Resiliency	3,000,000
Equipment/Parking Meter Replacement	1,000,000
Cranston St Armory Investments	1,000,000
Merino Park/WRWC Investments	<u>1,000,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR WATER, SEWER, BROADBAND, EQUIPMENT &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>14,950,320</b>

### **Investments in Community and Social Disparities**

COVID-19 Equities Program	10,000,000
Direct Relief to Providence Residents	500,000
Justice Reform	1,687,152
Anti-Violence Investments	2,000,000
Providence Talks Early Learning Intervention, Federal Hill House	283,000
Pre-K and Early Learning Infrastructure Fund	500,000
Providence Community Library	1,000,000
Food Security Infrastructure Planning	125,000
Food Security Grant Program	375,000
Elderly Service Supports	260,315
Grants to Community Centers	
Capitol City Community Center	66,667
DaVinci Center	66,667
Federal Hill House	66,667
Joslin Community Center	66,667
Mount Hope Neighborhood Association	66,667
Nickerson Community Center	66,667
Silver Lake Community Center Annex	66,667

Washington Park Community Center	66,667
West End Community Center	66,667
Elmwood Community Center	1,500,000
Batastini Recreation Center	50,000
Davey Lopes Recreation Center	50,000
John Rollins Recreation Center	50,000
Joslin Recreation Center	50,000
Kennedy Recreation Center	50,000
Neutaconkanut Recreation Center	50,000
Rogers Recreation Center	50,000
Sacket Recreation Center	50,000
Vincent Brown Recreation Center	50,000
West End Recreation Center	50,000
Zuccolo Recreation Center	50,000
Capital Investment – Recreation Centers	<u>3,000,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES</b>	<b>22,380,470</b>
 <b><u>Speeding the Recovery of the Tourism, Travel &amp; Hospitality Sectors</u></b>	
Arts, Culture and Special Events Support	874,327
PVDFest Producing Partner, FirstWorks	275,000
Cultural Facilities	2,500,000
Public Art to Encourage Tourism	703,807
Tourism and Marketing	700,000
Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	<u>600,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR SPEEDING THE RECOVERY OF THE TOURISM, TRAVEL &amp; HOSPITALITY SECTORS</b>	<b>5,653,134</b>
 <b><u>Economic Stabilization - Business</u></b>	
Hardest Hit Community Organization	300,000
Shared Use Infrastructure Grant Program	<u>202,617</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR ECONOMIC STABILIZATION -BUSINESS</b>	<b>502,617</b>
 <b><u>Replace Lost Public Sector Revenue</u></b>	
Revenue Recovery	<u>36,696,438</u>
<b>TOTAL LOST PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE</b>	<b>36,696,438</b>
 <b><u>ARPA Administration</u></b>	
FY21 to FY26 Administrative Expenditures	2,375,000
Independent Auditor	<u>300,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</b>	<b>2,675,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FUNDING 1/6/2022 - 12/31/2024</b>	<b>124,384,218</b>



**Section 2** - All funding referenced is subject to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending guidance. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a forfeiture of funding allocation.

**Section 3** – All projects funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) shall adhere to the City Charter Section 1006 (c), (d), (e), Section 1007 and Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II.

**Section 4** – All Providence Redevelopment Agency projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) must exhaust all other available financing options.

**Section 5** – The \$3,000,000 for the Home Repair Program shall be a five-year forgivable loan in amounts ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000, to be placed in the Providence Revolving Fund located with the City of Providence Department of Inspection and Standards, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §45-24.3-19.

Eligible properties must:

- a. Be located in the City of Providence;
- b. Have an existing code violation as of the passage of this ordinance;
- c. Household income must be at or below 100% current area median family Income Limits for Low – and Moderate-Income Households;
- d. Homeowners must demonstrate that they have exhausted all funding options to make the repairs to resolve the code violation.

The terms of the loan will be as follows:

- a. No origination fee;
- b. No payment is required as long as the borrower/ homeowner is still residing in the home for 5 years
- c. Construction management is required on all forgivable loans.
- d. Loan will forgive after five years if the property stays eligible. If the borrower sells the property, rents the property to an unrelated party, or has the mortgage foreclosed, the principal balance will be due in full.
- e. Loan will be recorded with a lien on the property, discharged upon maturity.

**Section 6** – The property purchased and rehabilitated through the Facilities Development Program, when sold shall pay any net proceeds to the Providence City Council created Affordable Housing Trust.

**Section 7** – Quarterly audit reports from the independent auditor shall be submitted to the Providence City Council within 30 days of the close of the quarter.

**Section 8** – By June 1, 2024, any ARPA funds not encumbered, as outlined in Sections 1 - 5, the Committee on Finance will receive a report on the spending and a proposal on how to spend any funds not encumbered.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 7 and 8 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES**

**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 "Buildings and Structural Appurtenances" of the Code of Ordinances to add Article X "Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutral Goals for Municipal Buildings".

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Environment and Resiliency

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**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND ROIAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Health and Sanitation", Article V "Rat and Vermin Control" Section 12-113 "Buildings to be Rat Eradicated prior to demolition" and Chapter 5 "Buildings and Structural Appurtenances", Article 1 "In General" Section 5-8 "Notice of Demolition Permit Issuance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

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

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 9 to the Special Committee on Environment & Resiliency and item 10 Refer to the Committee on Ordinances.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution Celebrating November as National Native American Heritage Month 2023.

**WHEREAS**, In 1990 the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution designating the month of November as Native American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Providence joins the nation in recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions of Native Peoples that have shaped our country; and

**WHEREAS**, For generations that long predate the landing of European colonists on American shores and indeed even predate the concept that is America, Native Communities have passed down traditions and developed deeply complex connections with a land that they were the first to call home; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Providence and all of her neighborhoods exist within the ancestral homelands of the Narragansett Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to the Narragansetts, the State of Rhode Island is the ancestral home of the Pequots, the Nipmucs, the Niantics, and the Wampanoags and the city of Providence also acknowledges their stake in this land and celebrates their long and intricate histories, identities and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to being an acknowledgement of history Native American Heritage Month is also a celebration of the tribes that exist today as sovereign nations and their myriad contributions that continue to enrich the City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island, and the and the United State of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Among these civic contributions in public service, humanities, business, science, art and more, Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at higher rates than any other ethnic group and they remain incomparable stewards of our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Our country would not exist without the contributions of Native Peoples.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Providence formally acknowledges and celebrates November as National Native American Heritage Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the office of the Mayor, to the Rhode Island Indian Council, and to the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN  
GRAVES, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting that the City Ensure Future Micromobility Ride-Sharing  
Contracts have strong provisions/revisions to prevent poorly parked Ride-Share Bikes  
and Scooters.

**WHEREAS**, In Fall 2018 Providence started a Shared Micro Mobility Program with e-scooters and bike share options that have become heavily utilized by visitors and residents of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, Spin, Bird, and Veo are the City's current permitted providers and all three offer scooters and bikes; and

**WHEREAS**, These micro mobility ride-share options have made our city more accessible and helped foster an urban environment that promotes alternative and sustainable modes of transportation and for that we show our great appreciation for their presence on our streets; and

**WHEREAS**, As we continue to welcome micromobility options in our city, we must also be aware of the new challenges they create such as improper parking of these bikes and scooters so that they do not become a hindrance to other pedestrians or ADA accessibility; and

**WHEREAS**, In the middle of our sidewalks and streets, or blocking driveways or the right-of-way, there are many inappropriate places that these bikes and scooters have been parked that pose a genuine safety hazard for pedestrians and other travelers; and

**WHEREAS**, The City is in a position to work collaboratively with all permitted service providers to ensure their users understand and abide by our already existing laws that regulate how and where these bikes and scooters should be parked; and

**WHEREAS**, We believe that it is in the shared best interest of both the City and the permitted service providers that their products be used safely and responsibly; and

**WHEREAS**, The City looks forward to a strong future of our Shared Micromobility Program as it continues to offer low cost transportation options that reduce carbon pollution, contribute to traffic calming, and promote healthier lifestyles all while diligently promoting rider education and proper parking practices that ensure a safer city for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City of Providence is formally requesting that all active and future permitted service providers in our Shared Micromobility Program employ stronger provisions and technology in collaboration with the City that prevent the public safety hazard of poorly parked bikes and scooters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor and the respective ride-share companies.

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

Resolution Calling on the Washington Trust Company to partner with the City of Providence to best implement its expansion by working directly with underserved community organizations.

**WHEREAS**, On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Washington Trust Company settled with the United States Department of Justice, agreeing to pay \$9 million to resolve allegations of lending discrimination in the form of redlining in Rhode Island's communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Redlining is an illegal practice in which lenders avoid providing credit services to individuals living in communities because of race, color, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, The settlement with the United States Department of Justice alleges that from 2016 through 2021, the Washington Trust Company failed to provide mortgage lending services to majority Black and Hispanic neighborhoods in the State of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company has never opened a branch in majority Black or Hispanic neighborhoods in the State of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company relied on mortgage loan officers working out of majority White areas as the primary source for generating loan applications; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company failed to conduct outreach, marketing, and advertising of its mortgage services to compensate for its lack of branches and presence in majority Black and Hispanic areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the proposed consent order, the Washington Trust Company has agreed to invest at least \$7 million in a loan subsidy fund to increase access to home mortgages, home improvement, home refinance and home equity loans, and lines of credit for residents of majority Black and Hispanic neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company has also agreed to spend \$1 million on partnerships with community-based organizations in impacted Providence neighborhoods to provide services related to credit, financial education, homeownership and foreclosure counseling that will serve to increase residential mortgage credit access for residents of those neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company has additionally agreed to spend \$1 million for advertising, outreach, consumer financial education and credit counseling focused on the affected neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company has agreed to open two new branches in the affected neighborhoods, ensuring that they are appropriately staffed; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington Trust Company has agreed to employ a Director of Community Lending to oversee this expansion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City of Providence calls upon the Washington Trust Company to work in partnership with the City to best implement this expansion by working directly with community-based organizations within the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Providence condemns in the strongest possible terms the illegal practice of redlining which has caused irreparable harm to countless families in the State of Rhode Island and the rest of the United States of America; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage, certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer for Washington Trust Bancorp Inc., and the Providence Director of Community Development.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 11 through 13, Pass on a Voice Vote and have the Clerk read item 13 into the record, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## **REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

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

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

#### **COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Joseph Agugiaro).

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An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Kevin Duffy).

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An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (John Mullaney).

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An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Steven Smyth).

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 14 through 17 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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

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

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

W. Walsh Company, Inc. (Providence Water Supply Board)	\$16,200,000.00
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**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

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J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.  
(Providence Water)

\$7,774,510.00

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.  
(Providence Water)

\$7,774,510.00

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Maron Construction  
(Department of Public Property)

\$767,362.00

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Maron Construction  
(Department of Public Property)

\$767,362.00



Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Notification of Outside Legal Counsel Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Lifespan Physician Group, Medical  
and Life Care Consulting and Padwa Law Group  
(Law Department)

\$546,500.00

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Notification of Outside Legal Counsel Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Lifespan Physician Group, Medical  
and Life Care Consulting and Padwa Law Group  
(Law Department)

\$546,500.00

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 through 21, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Received and Approved:**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated October 23, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 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 **David A. Caldwell, Jr.** of 41 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a general citizenry category member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Caldwell replaces Mr. Gazdacko who has resigned).

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 22 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

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**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**  
**COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman**

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

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 Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 80, Lots 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 506, (50 & 54 Case Lane and 2,3,6 & 7 Bassi Lane), from R-1 to R-2.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 73, Lots, 456 and 455 (162 and 154 Colonial Road) from R-1 to R-2.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lot 134 (66 Baltimore Street), from R-1 to R-2.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lots 245 and 246 (61-67 Leander Street), from R-1 to R-2.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 11, Lot 12 (320 Angell Street), from R-1 to R-P.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 23 through 28 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 3.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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### **FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition from Dylan Conley, Esquire, Conley Law Associates, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 2b, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 593 (215 Camp Street), from R-3 to R-4.

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Petition from Richard A. Pacia, Esquire on behalf of JAVC, LLC, 50 Power Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 108, Lot 32 (181 Pocasset Avenue), Assessor's Plat 108, Lot 24 (187 Pocasset Avenue) and Assessor's Plat 108, Lot 23 (191 Pocasset Avenue), from R-3 to C-2.

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

Petitions for Compensations for Injures and Damages, viz:

John Boekamp  
Progressive Casualty Insurance Company  
a/s/o David Palumbo  
Clifford Peasley  
(Vicki J. Bejma, Esquire)  
Krhystine Dominguez  
Sofronio S. Saguid, Jr.  
Joseina Vargas Mezon  
(Frank L. Orabona, Jr., Esquire)  
Amica  
a/s/o Rui P. Alves  
Ronald Giraldo  
Maria Fiorillo Collins

(Frank S. Lombardi)  
Aalyssa Moore p.p.a Aasim Price  
(Jeffrey D. Sowa, Esquire)  
Way Jumbo  
Allstate a/s/o Andres and Marielena Del  
Pozo  
(Joseph M Codega, Esquire)  
Thomas V. Sweeney, Jr.  
Bianka Bell  
ISG Insurance Subrogation Group  
a/s/o Erin M. Clare-Sears  
N/A

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

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Report from Major Henry Remolina, Providence Police Department, dated October 30, 2023, submitting the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Flock 30 Day Report from September 29, 2023 through October 29, 2023.

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Report from Nicholas J. Hemond, Partner, Darrow Everett, LLP, One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Progress Report to that certain Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for High Rock Westminster, LLC, approved on November 4, 2022 and recorded in the Providence Land Evidence Records at Book 13982, Page 335 (the "TSA"), pursuant to Section 9.1 of the TSA.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from Susan DeRita, Chairwoman, Providence External Review Authority, dated November 7, 2023, that in accordance with the City of Providence Ordinance Chapter 18½, Section 2, voted affirmatively to recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Ferenc Karoly, Esquire, as the Executive Director of PERA for an additional 2 years starting January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2025 and submits the same for approval by the City Council.

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

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Communication from Joe Wilson, Jr., Director of the Department of Art, Culture and Tourism, dated November 7, 2023, appointing **Dr. Quenby Olmsted Hughes** of 90 Brown Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as the Department of Art Culture & Tourism appointment to the **Special Committee for Commemorative Works**, for a term to end November 7, 2026.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 29 through 35, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 29 and 30 to the Committee on Ordinances, Severally Refer item 31 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, Receive items 32 and 33, Refer item 34 to the Committee on Finance and Receive item 35.**

## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

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

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Congratulations to the following:

María and José Sánchez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Luis and Waleska Pinto, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Maria Hernandez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Juan Garcia, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Rolando Castro, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Myra Morales, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Liliam Morales, in recognition of being the recipient of the Luchadores Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Brent Kermen, Principal, William D'Abate Elementary School, in recognition of being the recipient of the Pilares de la Comunidad/Community Pillars Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Meg Sullivan, Manton Avenue Project, in recognition of being the recipient of the Pilares de la Comunidad/Community Pillars Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Stephanie Brady, in recognition of being the recipient of the Everyday Heroes Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Jeffrey Mackaravitz, in recognition of being the recipient of the Everyday Heroes Award at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Unidos en la Lucha: Past, Present and Future.

Johnny Dure', in recognition of your promotion within The Kings Cathedral, being appointed to Licensure. Congratulations!

Alisha Diakite, in recognition of your promotion within The Kings Cathedral, being appointed to Ordination. Congratulations!

Lelani Williams, in recognition of your promotion within The Kings Cathedral, being appointed to Ordination. Congratulations!

Pastor Michael J. Shepard, Christ Church of Deliverance, in recognition of your service to God, People, Church, and the City of Providence.

Ms. Minerva Robinson, in recognition of the celebration of your 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Pastor GeorgeAnne Keith, in recognition of the celebration of your 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 36 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**



**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

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

Dolores Fonseca

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 37 and Pass on a  
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Dolores Fonseca and Bearee “Bea” Henglatsamy 6:23 o’clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 at 6:00 o’clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

**TINA L. MASTROIANNI**  
**CITY CLERK**

*This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our  
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H59-oCYnWSU>*

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