

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 14 City Council Special Meeting, Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON,
COUNCILMEN APONTE, CORREIA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI,
JACKSON, JENNINGS, LUNA, NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE,
SALVATORE, SANCHEZ, YURDIN and ZURIER - 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN MATOS - 1.

ALSO PRESENT: Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk, Lori L. Hagen,
Second Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk and
Jeffrey Padwa, City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 21 2013

APPROVED:  CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **REVEREND JEFFRY WILLIAMS, CATHEDRAL OF LIFE CHURCH.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITES STATES OF AMERICA**

COUNCILMAN DAVID SALVATORE Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING**COMMUNICATION FROM****COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL A. SOLOMON**

Request, filed with the City Clerk, April 29, 2011, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 2nd day of May, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Stetson:

In accordance with the Provisions of Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am, this day, calling a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

**PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ADDRESS BY MAYOR ANGEL TAVERAS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.**

Respectfully,



Council President Michael A. Solomon

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to David Tassoni, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 2nd day of May, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

TO DAVID TASSONI, CITY SERGEANT:

WHEREAS, Council President Michael A. Solomon has, pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, requesting the City Clerk, in writing, to Call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall for the purpose of Enacting the following:

Presentation of Budget Address by Mayor Angel Taveras for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

HEREOF, Fail Not, and make a true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon

Given under my Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations this 29th day of April, 2011, A.D.


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE
PLANTATIONS THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, Sc.
APRIL 29, 2011**

I, David Tassoni, City Sergeant do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the Special City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the Chamber of the City Council, Third Floor, City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject warrant by delivering to each member a copy thereof.



4-29-11
Date

BUDGET ADDRESS

Presentation of Budget Address by Mayor Angel Taveras for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Declares the City Council to stand at Ease at 7:05 o'clock P.M. to Reconvene at the call of the Chair and Appoints **COUNCILMAN CORREIA** and **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS** to escort **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR ANGEL TAVERAS** to the Chamber of the City Council.

AT EASE

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Reconvenes the City Council Meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

BUDGET ADDRESS MAY 2, 2011

Thank you. Council President Solomon, Majority Leader Yurdin, Honorable members of the Providence City Council, and residents of our great capital city, I thank you for this opportunity to address you tonight and present my proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your support over the last several months. As we continue to tackle the challenges facing our great city, it is the tremendous spirit of the people of Providence that keeps me energized every day.

Mr. President and members of the City Council, nearly 2 months ago, on March 3, we stood together as I revealed to the city and state the extent of the fiscal crisis facing our capital city. My Municipal Finance Review Panel revealed that we faced a \$109 million structural deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. I described our situation as a category five fiscal hurricane.

I said on that day - and I reaffirm now - that shared sacrifice is required if our city is going to emerge from this financial storm.

Shared sacrifice is more than a phrase. Shared sacrifice is the realization that everyone must help in order to save our city. Every citizen, every city worker, every taxpayer, every business, and every organization including tax-exempt institutions must share part of the burden of saving our city.

The budget that I am about to present to you is built on shared sacrifice. It will be painful for all, but necessary to return our city to firm financial footing.

After receiving the report from my Municipal Finance Review Panel describing the size and scope of the City's deficit, I took immediate action. Because leadership starts at the top, I took a 10% pay cut. Along with several members of this City Council, I declined my public official pension. I ordered immediate layoffs of nonunion staff to save us approximately \$2 million. I also froze non-essential spending and hiring.

But I knew then that these steps were not enough. The budget I am presenting to you tonight represents the next step in our fight for fiscal security. That is why this budget extends these cuts across all city departments.

These cuts are real and will be felt by all who use city services. But they are, unfortunately, only the beginning.

In the spirit of transparency that I promised the people of our City - let me be very clear: this budget is based on several cost savings and revenue goals which we must achieve. Providence stands on the edge of a financial precipice. If we are unable to achieve the cost savings and revenue goals in this budget, the free fall of our City over the edge will lead us into dark, uncharted territory.

The goals I am speaking of depend on cooperation from public safety and public employee unions, the General Assembly, and our City's tax-exempt institutions - we cannot put the City on firm financial footing without their assistance. In the budget, we must achieve the following goals:

1. A 10% savings in both the Police and Fire Departments which still needs to be negotiated.
2. Passage by the General Assembly of key legislation which will help the city reduce costs and increase revenues;
3. Increased payments in lieu of taxes from our city's tax-exempt institutions.

Achieving these goals will not be easy, and while the alternative seems too much to fathom, it is a distinct possibility.

The men and women who keep Providence running are critical partners in this process. We look to them, our city employees, to share in the sacrifice because we cannot balance our budget or deliver essential city services without them.

Salary and benefits of city employees constitute the overwhelming majority of our city's budget. Of the \$635 million in public expenditures last year, \$465 million was spent on salary and benefits - nearly three quarters of all spending. Aligning revenues with obligations, therefore, necessarily requires tough decisions regarding the city's employees.

I have said repeatedly that this shared sacrifice begins with me and I'm proud to say that his budget reflects a 13% cost reduction in the mayor's office. However, that is only the beginning.

I asked for our city workers to join me in this sacrifice and the first union to step forward to help the city was Local 1033. Through the leadership of Donald Iannazzi and Vicky Virgilio, we reached a deal with the union which will save the city millions of dollars while ensuring that we can still deliver basic services to our residents. The members of 1033 took a pay cut, cut their longevity pay and increased their health insurance co-pays. Through their actions, the members of 1033 led by example and will save the city over \$26 million over the next four years.

While all other unions have come to the table to negotiate and try to help the city, we have been unable to come to agreement on their share of the sacrifice. To be honest, this has been very disappointing. I am disappointed that they have not yet joined with the rest of us, and with their brothers and sisters in 1033 who have indicated their willingness to be a part of the solution.

I am hopeful that after tonight's budget presentation, they will recommit to joining us in forging a new path ahead.

Let me speak specifically about how this budget affects the teachers, children and families of the Providence school system. As a product of our public schools, I am a living reminder of the crucial role that education plays in our city, state and country. I care about the children who each day carry their dreams into the classrooms of our public schools because not long ago that was me in those same classrooms. I want to see our students succeed more than anything else and know that the challenges are many.

Our schools faced a \$28 million deficit. To balance the budget, we were forced to take decisive action.

We sent out termination notices to all of our teachers, in order to maintain maximum flexibility and save us millions of dollars. We made significant cuts in administrative capacity as well, eliminating positions at central offices to ensure that district leadership was as lean as possible. And even with level funding for next year, more cuts need to be made in order to balance the school budget.

To our city's teachers, families and students: I ask for your patience, faith and help as we continue to negotiate more cost savings moving forward. But, as we stand here tonight, I am relieved to say that the Providence School Board is meeting to adopt a process for rescinding termination notices for most of our teachers.

We've also begun to restructure our schools, closing six and reopening one as an elementary school. These school closings were heart wrenching and difficult and let me say to those who are directly impacted that I understand how tough these last months have been for you. Believe me when I say that I would not have accepted these closings if we did not believe they were absolutely necessary for the financial wellbeing of our schools and our city.

I would like to thank the Providence School Board for their courageous action.

To those who questioned our actions with respect to Providence schools, know this: cuts to our schools has been the most difficult action I have taken as Mayor and it's something that I will always carry with me. But I am absolutely convinced that our actions were in the best interests of the city and in the best interests of our students. And I am more determined than ever, tonight, to build an urban school system that is the envy of cities across America.

Beyond schools; let me speak about our public safety officers - the men and women of our police and fire departments for whom I truly cannot overstate my unyielding respect.

Every day that they report to work, they put themselves in harm's way, every single day.

Few others can say that. Asking these brave men and women to sacrifice even more on behalf of our city is not a request I make lightly.

Our police officers protect us 24 hours a day. While we sleep, they stand guard. I respect their work and commitment to public safety. They have been without a contract since 2007 and you and I know they deserve better. But just as they protect our city from physical danger, so too must they act now to save our city from financial danger.

As we close schools, lay off workers, cut pay, we need our officers to help us stay safe but also save money.

That is why this budget reflects a 10% reduction in costs for the police department. How we get there is negotiable, but let me be clear: we MUST get there. Accordingly, we will continue to negotiate with the Fraternal Order of Police to agree on savings so we can avoid drastic cuts to the police department. But make no mistake about it, I will do whatever is necessary to get our city through this fiscal hurricane.

Like our police department, our fire department performs invaluable service for the City and the public. I spent the day with our firefighters and learned more than I can say. I put on your gear and travelled up and down stairs with the added 40 pounds. However, there was a big difference: I did it in the safety of your firehouse while you do it surrounded by flames and smoke. You consistently put yourself in harm's way for the good of our city.

Like our city's police officers, the city needs you to do more. We cannot put out this fire without you. Like our police officers, I have budgeted a 10 % reduction in cost for the fire department. How we get to the reduction is in your hands. I ask you to join us to save our city and avoid legal wrangling. But make no mistake about it, I will do whatever is necessary to get our city through this fiscal hurricane.

I will speak next about our city's tax-exempt colleges and hospitals. As my Municipal Finance Review Panel reported in March, almost half of the property in the city is tax exempt. However, no one is exempt from the sacrifice we need to make to save our city.

I recognize that our local universities are tremendous assets. They add a degree of vitality to our city that cannot be overstated. However, I am also mindful of the words of President John Bowen of Johnson & Wales, that 'you cannot have a successful university in a failing city.

As to our other universities, Brown, RISD and Providence College, we are proud that you call Providence home. However, your home needs you to do more to make sure your home can survive the storm that is pounding it. Because we have not been able to reach agreement on additional help to the city, we will be pressing legislation at the state house requiring tax-exempt institutions to pay 25% of what their real estate taxes would be if they were not a non-profit corporation. This concept is not new - over a hundred municipalities across America have established PILOT programs - and recently Mayor Tom Menino in Boston asked the tax -exempt institutions located in his city to do the same on a voluntary basis.

Our proposed legislation will be heard on Stronger Providence Day at the State House on May 11. I am hopeful that we might reach a negotiated agreement directly with our colleges and universities, but as that process unfurls we will continue to fiercely advocate for passage of this legislation.

Our relationship with the tax-exempt institutions simply cannot continue on the path we are on and this budget reflects the reality that, moving forward, our city must be able to rely on these organizations for substantially more financial assistance.

Likewise, our hospitals must step forward and share in the sacrifice too.

We know that our hospitals do a tremendous amount for all of Rhode Island, whether it's caring for the uninsured in the emergency room at Roger Williams Medical Center, bringing babies into the world at Women and Infants, treating our young at Hasbro Children's Hospital or helping to address behavioral health at Butler Hospital.

However, like teachers, like public safety officers, like everyone - we need hospitals to do more. This is your city and this is your problem too. We cannot afford to continue on the same path and need you to help us forge a new direction. No one is exempt or immune from the sacrifices necessary to save our city.

That is why, just like our colleges and universities, we will pursue legislation requiring hospitals, in the absence of a PILOT agreement, to pay 25% of their assessed tax bill.

This budget relies on the passage of several bills in the General Assembly which will give us the flexibility to address a variety of issues at the city level.

- We have assumed that the General Assembly will help us obtain savings and additional revenue totaling nearly \$18 million.
- Through legislation, we are seeking to save \$11.4 million by allowing us to shift retirees who are eligible for Medicare from the city health insurance to Medicare.
- Through legislation, we are seeking the ability to collect fees for our fire hydrants and fire alarm boxes.
- We are also seeking \$4.6 million as proposed in the Governor's budget under the MAST program.
- Finally, we are seeking the ability to impose a 25% tax on colleges, universities and hospitals. This would produce over \$24 million in new revenue to the city. To be conservative we budgeted an additional \$7 million in new revenue to the city with the hope that we can negotiate PILOTs with the colleges, universities and hospitals.

Let me speak directly to members of the Assembly: If these bills do not pass, this city will not survive this fiscal hurricane. As I stated during my Inaugural Address, "From Westerly to Woonsocket, from Burnillville to Bristol, we are all in this together. We all have an interest in our capital city - the beating heart of our state."

After closing schools, terminating teachers, laying off other city workers, instituting pay cuts, reductions in police and fire, increased contributions from universities and hospitals, we still are not done closing the massive structural deficit.

I know that our taxpayers already carry a heavy burden in our city. Many are struggling to find jobs or keep the jobs that they have. So many have had to do more with less.

I have tried not to add to that heavy burden but the truth is that I cannot save our city from this storm without your help. I need you to do more too.

I will be seeking the maximum tax increase of 4.25% of our real estate taxes. In addition, I will seek to exceed the tax levy cap by an additional 1 %. While I know that this is undoubtedly unpopular, it is also absolutely necessary.

As a homeowner and as someone who spends each day speaking with homeowners in all of our city's neighborhoods, believe me when I say that this is truly our last resort. But know too that if we are unable to realize the cost savings and additional revenue that are outlined in my budget, our tax increase will be even more unbearable.

There's more that I haven't touched on yet which you will find included in this budget. For example, I have said repeatedly that the time for on-street, overnight parking is overdue and this budget reflects nearly \$1 million in revenue generated through the sale of overnight parking passes. Other revenues related to parking, fees for dumpsters, inspections and standards and a fee for mattress disposal are included in this budget.

We have made every effort to make sure everyone shares in the sacrifice.

To recap, let's be clear: this budget is based on several goals, including 10% savings from both the police and fire departments, action at the Assembly on various pieces of legislation and increased support from our city's tax-exempt organizations.

If we do not reach our goals, we will have to act more harshly to balance our budget.

Finally, as difficult as this budget is, I must underscore the following: First, this budget may continue to evolve throughout the revision and adoption process. It is possible that the final budget that I sign into law may differ from this budget because of all the goals in this budget.

Second, this budget does not adequately address our pensions which are unsustainable.

Local 1033 and the city agreed to set up a commission to examine the possibility of moving city employees to the municipal employee retirement system, which was a recommendation of the Municipal Finance Review Panel. In the coming weeks, as we negotiate with our unions, we will also begin to address our long term pension obligations. We will also work closely with the state as the state begins to tackle the same problem at the state level.

Moving forward, we'll be working with the General Assembly, our partners in the nonprofit and business communities and others to address issues ranging from the 195 land to the future of the Providence Water Supply Board. Issues that will not only put Providence back on a firm financial footing, but will move this city forward towards a future of unprecedented opportunity.

Mr. President and members of this city, we are making history together. As we move forward, let it be said of us that we came together and rose to the occasion. Let it be said that we set aside politics for the greater good. Let it be written that while others went into receivership, we solved our problems.

Let it be written that while some looked to Providence's fiscal crisis and saw nothing but darkness and foreboding, we seized this opportunity to show that hard work and shared sacrifice brought about Providence's finest hour.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

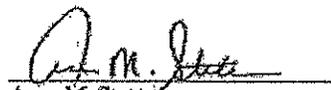


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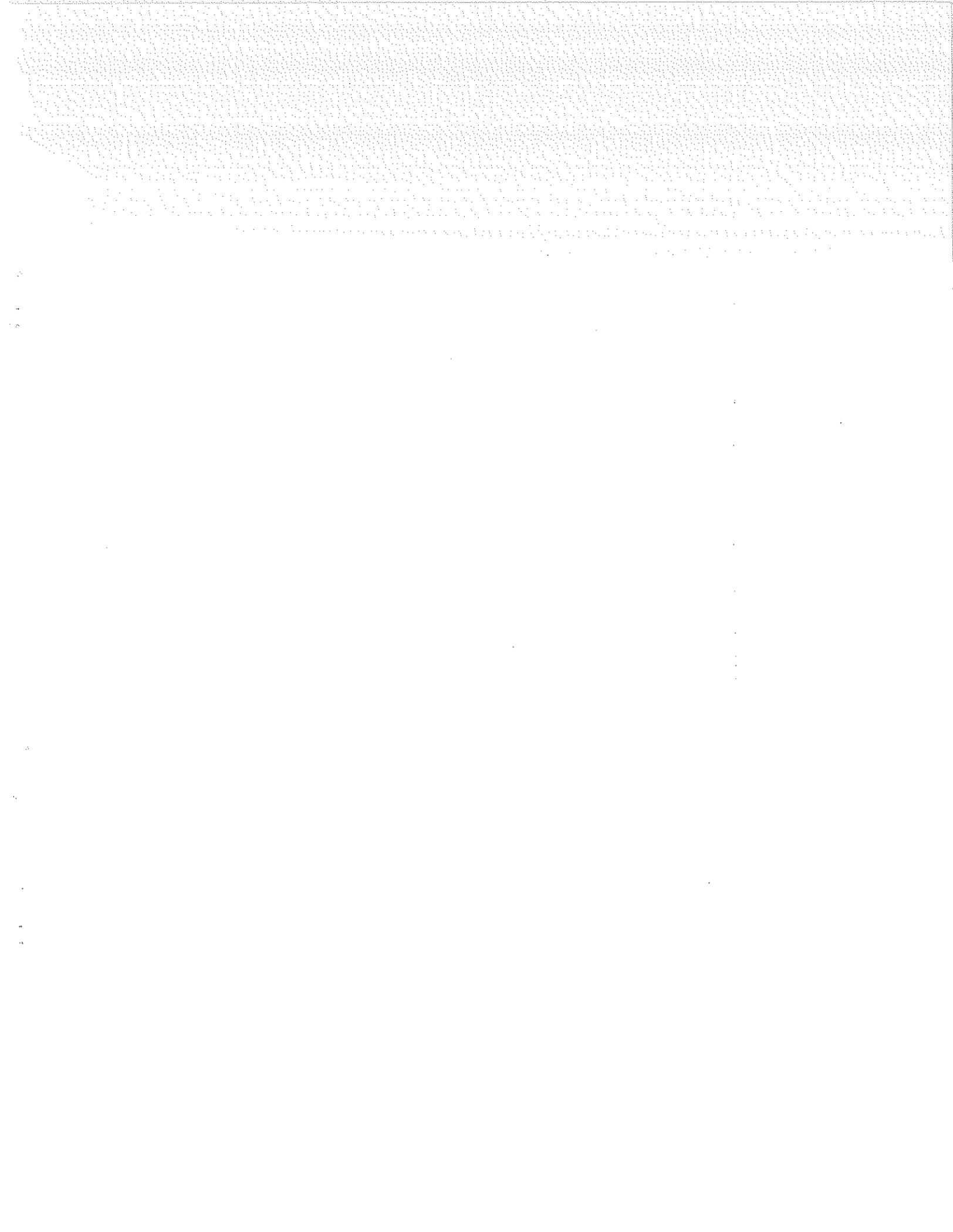
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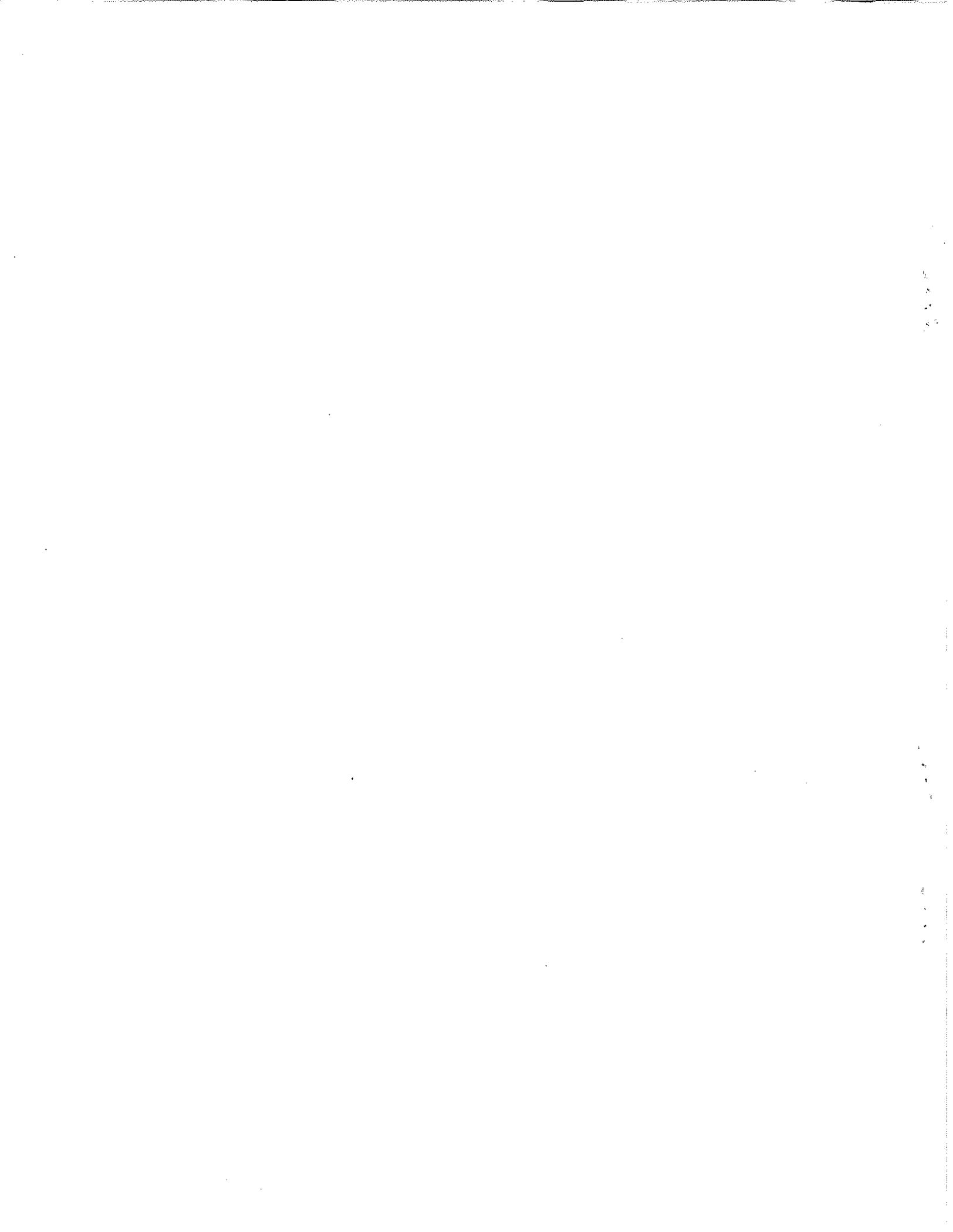
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:31 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)**



Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk





CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 15 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON,
COUNCILMEN APONTE, CORREIA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI,
JACKSON, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,
COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, SALVATORE,
SANCHEZ, YURDIN and ZURIER - 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN LUNA - 1.

(SUBSEQUENTLY COUNCILMAN LUNA JOINS THE
MEETING)

ALSO PRESENT: Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk, Lori L. Hagen,
Second Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk, and
Jeffrey M. Padwa, City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 21 2013

APPROVED:

 CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is be given by **IMAM FARID ANSARI, MUSLIM AMERICAN DAWAH CENTER OF RHODE ISLAND.**

“In the name of God, the merciful benefactor and merciful redeemer let me just preface my prayer with short remarks. Perhaps no other nation on earth has become the worlds most religiously diverse than the United States of America. Rhode Island is a micro-plasm for the diverse cultures and religious diversity which is America. I am deeply humbled for this unique opportunity to present on behalf of Islamic community of the City of Providence. May peace and blessing be upon this esteemed City Council of Providence. As representatives of the City of Providence I like you, am a servant and am honored to serve. Providence as the name suggests is evidence of the importance of God’s consciousness and it is this spirit that we should be ever conscios of. Therefore, I pray Oh God, Lord and Ruler of all that exists. In your hands is all good. Truly over all things you have power. We pray for those whom you have entrusted with authority and power which has been endorsed by the people of the City of Providence, that those who have been honored to serve do so with justice and fairness. Help our leaders. Let them be mindful that you are the controller and disclosure of all things. Help this legislative body in their deliberations as they handle the affairs of our city. Bless them with sound judgment and righteousness. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI, JR. Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT and COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE present citations to the following:

Anthony Voccio, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Seun Shittu, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Joe DiOrio, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Arionna Latson, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

David Pagliaro, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Taylor Stewart, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Jill Provoyeur, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Ashlie Alarcon, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Nicole DiOrio, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Ivana Gonzalez, Blessed Sacrament Girl’s Basketball

Analyse Valle, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball	Gianna Pagliaro, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball
Orianna Rose, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball	Nicole Comella, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball
Laura Pichardo, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball	Amesnat Olalekan, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball
Tatjana Johnson, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball	Yanice Grajales, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball

VETO FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Consideration of Mayor Angel Taveras', VETO of the Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 and Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Animals and Fowl" and "Parks and Recreation" Respectively.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Lay the VETO on the Table seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated April 25, 2011, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 Denise Barge of 33 Brandon Road, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910, as a member of the Commission to Study Revenue Sustainability and Efficiency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication dated April 25, 2011, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 Mark Montella of 167 Point Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the Commission to Study Revenue Sustainability and Efficiency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication dated April 25, 2011, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 William G. Touret of 9 Olive Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Commission to Study Revenue Sustainability and Efficiency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council April 21, 2011, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Article I, "In General", Section 16-20, "Prohibition Against Certain Forms of Aggressive Solicitation."

Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 16, Entitled "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," Section 16-20, "Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation," is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-20. Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation.

(a) For purposes of this section:

Aggressive manner shall mean:

- (1) Approaching or speaking to a person(s), or following a person(s) before, during, or after soliciting, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, or damage to or loss of property;
- (2) Following the person being solicited, with the intent of asking that person for money or other things of value;
- (3) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without the person's consent in the course of soliciting;
- (4) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;
- (5) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person solicited;
- (6) Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to such soliciting;

(7) Speaking in a volume unreasonably loud under the circumstances;

(8) Soliciting money from anyone who is waiting in line for entry to a building or for another purpose;

(9) Entering or occupying a roadway or intersection for purpose of soliciting the occupant(s) of a vehicle.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

AYES: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMEN APONTE, CORREIA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, SALVATORE, SANCHEZ, YURDIN and ZURIER – 14.

NAYES: NONE.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN LUNA – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN YURDIN and COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Entitled: "Revenue and Finance", Article III, "Funds."

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances to add a section to Chapter 21, Entitled: "Annual Budget Requirements and Oversight."

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances to add a section to Chapter 21, Entitled: "Annual Audit."

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article I, "In General" to add Section 17-35, "Home Rule Charter – Penalties for Violation."

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances and Finance, Jointly.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 116, Lot 464 (36 Lindy Avenue), for the years 2005 to 2009.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign at the intersection of Farm Street and Minto Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign at the intersection of Farm Street and Lawn Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution Celebrating Municipal Clerks Week, May 1, 2011 through May 7, 2011.

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council recognize the week of May 1, 2011 through May 7, 2011, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Anna M. Stetson and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Month.

WHEREAS, East Bay Center, Inc. serves approximately three thousand (3,000) people; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Center, Inc. provides a vital safety net to our most vulnerable residents, children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Almost sixty million (60,000,000) Americans - one (1) in four (4) adults and one (1) in five (5) children have mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness drains our national economy of eighty billion dollars (\$80,000,000,000.00) annually in lost wages and decreased productivity; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug abuse contributes to the death of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) American; and

WHEREAS, On average, persons with mental illness die twenty-five (25) years earlier than those in the general population; and

WHEREAS, Up to ninety percent (90%) of people treated with a combination of medication and therapy are successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, Success rates for treating mental illness now exceed those of other leading physical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Organizations on a daily basis give hope to clients and their families who deal with mental illness and addictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the month of May be declared Mental Health Month to bring awareness to the people and their families whose lives are affected by this illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby declare May Mental Health Month.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON and COUNCILMAN YURDIN (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2011-H 5548 and Senate Bill 2011-S 0488, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses Generally.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2011-H 5548 and Senate Bill 2011-S 0488, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses Generally.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN CORREIA (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Clean and Lien of the property located at 12 Steere Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the cleaning of all storm drains on various streets located in the 6th Ward.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of “Four-Way Stop” Signs at the intersection of Beaufort Street and Pemberton Street.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 94, Lot 78 (25 Lucy Street), for the years 2005 to the most recent tax year.

COUNCILMAN CORREIA:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Property to cause the installation of a GPS System in all city vehicles.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to require all snow plow vendors to be equipped with GPS Systems in their vehicles for the 2011/2012 winter season and thereafter.

COUNCILMEN CORREIA, LUNA, SANCHEZ, NARDUCCI and JENNINGS:

Resolution Requesting the Internal Auditor to review the severance packages paid to the following individuals and to determine who authorized these payments without council approval.

Paul Kennedy
Jeffrey Crawford
James Gallant
Michael Morgan

COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

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

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS:

Resolution Requesting the Union Avenue Bridge be re-named "The Alexis Silva Bridge."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade, repair and/or replacement of the street lighting on Pole Number 5 located on Dorothy Avenue.

RESOLVED, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade, repair and/or replacement of the street lighting on Pole Number 5 located on Dorothy Avenue.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE and SANCHEZ:

Resolution Requesting the immediate resignation of the following school board members:

Kathleen Crain
Nina Pande
Philip Gould
Brian M. Lalli
Magaly Sanchez
Julian Dash

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILMAN LUNA JOINS THE MEETING.

COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, APONTE, JACKSON and SANCHEZ:

Resolution Requesting the Members of the Providence City Council to request the placement of a 2011 Ballot Question amending the Providence Home Rule Charter to allow for an Elected School Board.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Ordinances.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Handicap Parking Only" Sign in front of 53 Meridian Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE and COUNCILMAN ZURIER:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to the students and teachers at Nathan Bishop Middle School on their 3rd place accomplishment in this year's State Science Olympiad.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Congratulations to the students and teachers at Nathan Bishop Middle School on their 3rd place accomplishment in this year's State Science Olympiad.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate in whole, the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 181 (19 Seabury Street), in the amount of Three Thousand Sixty Four Dollars and Ninety Six (\$3,064.96) Cents, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40, for the years 2001 through 2005, while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, in an effort to convert vacant lots into productive reuse, the Providence Redevelopment Agency is working with an adjacent property owner to develop a side yard and parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes, in the amount of Three Thousand Sixty Four Dollars and Ninety Six (\$3,064.96) Cents, assessed upon Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 181 (19 Seabury Street), along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40, for the years 2001 through 2005, while under PRA ownership.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"We are blessed to have four Providence Public School students with us from Classical High School which fortunately enough the School Board a few years back left it alone to be the kind of high school that some of our inner city kids need that can't afford to go to LaSalle Academy, Bishop Hendriken and so on. Jose Rosario, Sharon Santiago, Andrea Rojas and Janet Novack. About a week or so ago I got a phone call from a young man called Jose. I gave everybody a letter and I'm going read it very quickly. We had about a ten minute conversation on the phone. After I received this letter I called him and we talked. He says to me, "can I come and see you." I said

you can come and see my anytime. We set up an appointment so he can come to my house. We sat in my backyard. I asked Jose tonight if it was okay if I got into his personal life just a little bit. Jose was told years ago that he would never ever walk again a day in his life. Jose got out of a van on Langdon Street and walked into my backyard in crutches. I will not get into too much of your personal life Jose, but I just want you to know something, after the conversation I had with you my life has totally changed with that forty minute conversation with you. You know something, sometimes we all take things for granted. Like getting up out of bed and walking to the bureau or the bathtub. I want to thank you for reaching out to me and I want to thank Classical High School and the teachers of Classical High School for the way they've worked with Jose and the rest of the student at Classical. What these kids are trying to do is a very important thing. I've reached out to many community people in my neighborhood and have not gotten told, no on donations for these children. They're looking to raise \$2,000.00. I want to thank President Paul Doherty from the Firefighters Union because as always they're the first ones to be called when somebody in our neighborhood needs help and they came forward, the Providence Firefighters as always. The letter reads "On behalf of Classical High School's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) committee, we are writing to you today to ask a great favor. We want to make our fellow students aware of how their choices regarding substance use can influence their lives. Specifically, we want to bring the Arrive Alive Tour, a driving while impaired prevention program, to our school this spring. This interactive program uses modern technology to simulate what it looks and feels like to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence. This first-hand experience allows students to that it's not a joke. Their lives are at great risk when they drive or get in a car operated by someone under the influence. We believe that targeting Classical's Junior and Senior classes, just prior to their proms, will result in improve decision making regarding alcohol and drug use. To make this possible, we are reaching out to humbly ask for a contribution towards the \$2,000.00 cost of this highly effective and influential program. If you are able to help, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made to Classical High School with a notation that indicates funds are to be applied towards the SADD presentation. In appreciation, your business/agency will be recognized in a state-wide press release issued the week of our event. Please know, your sponsorship will go miles towards saving lives of young people in our community. Thank you for your time and support. Sincerely The SADD committee. Jose, I don't want you to thank me and you young ladies. I don't want you to thank me for my time and support because I will supporting the cause. I want to thank you for the initiative you have taken to make sure we can get it into the minds of some of our young adults how important this is. This is a very sensitive matter to myself. I had a nephew involved in a drunk driving incident that he wasn't drunk, but the oncoming car was. So, I will be supporting this and I will tell you right now, I will be supporting this with at \$200.00 donation of my own money, a \$200.00 donation of my committee money and I urge my colleagues to please whatever you can give. If it's \$5.00 or \$10.00 do don't let this cause go without our support here on the City Council because it effects each and every one of us and each and every one of our families. The City Clerk's Office can also get in on this and make a little office donation. The best thing I loved about listening to Jose was again the story he told and he even said to me Councilman and I said Jose do me a favor you're in my backyard just call me Nick. He wouldn't, he called me Councilman and I think there was one time when he called me Mr. Narducci. I said to him, I said Jose why would I think if supporting this. Give me an answer. He says to me for the young adults, but also for the younger adults that they can take this message home to their brothers and sisters and whoever. Jose, you're a great inspiration to many and believe me I was glad to find out that you live about eight houses up from

me so that's a great thing and anything I can ever do for you and your organization please feel free to call. Again, I'm really pushing the issues and again I want to thank the Providence Firefighters and I see Matt Jerzyk is still here. Maybe we can get the Mayor's Office to make a nice donation to the kids and really group together on this. Lastly, what I was going to say is Jose says to me, Mr. Narducci, he said we really don't need the whole \$2,000.00 because I think we have \$650.00 in the bank, in their account. I said to him, I said you know what Jose? I'm going to do my hardest to get you \$2,000.00 or more so you can go ahead with this program and you don't even have to take any money out of the bank and I am looking to start a relationship from this point forward with you and your organization. Again, I want to thank the four of you very much. Keep up the good work. Thank you."

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Council President Michael A. Solomon, dated April 29, 2011, naming his appointments to various Special Committees of the City Council for the term of January 2011 to January 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication from Council President Michael A. Solomon, dated April 25, 2011, Informing the City Clerk that he is this day appointing the following members to the Commission to Study Revenue Sustainability and Efficiency.

(Business Community Representative):

Patricia A. Thompson, 144 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

(Non-Profit Representative):

Frank Shea, 31 Eames Street, Providence, RI 02906

(Community Representative):

Ed Cooney, 14 Hawthorne Court, North Kingstown, RI 02852

(Mr. Cooney will serve as Chairperson of the Commission)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication from Nate D. Urso, Deputy City Engineer, submitting the Laurel Hill Avenue Elementary School Infrastructure Improvements Safe Routes to School Project Agreement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Communication to the Committee on Public Works.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

<i>Leeann Supernault</i>	<i>Amica Insurance a/s/o Bruce Thompson</i>
<i>Riley W. Edwards</i>	<i>Maribel Rodriguez</i>
<i>Jayne Del Sesto</i>	<i>Francisco J. Furtado</i>
<i>Lori A. Myers</i>	<i>Rosalie A. Prignano</i>
<i>Ruth E. Parrillo</i>	<i>Jacquelyn Carlucci</i>
<i>Juan Encarnacion</i>	<i>Bradley Bender</i>
<i>Shari M. Torres</i>	<i>Amica Insurance Company</i>
<i>Christine A. DiFilippo</i>	<i>a/s/o Jerry Wilkins</i>
<i>Cynthia S. Yoken</i>	<i>Ann-Allison Clanton</i>
<i>George H. Adams, III, Administrator of the</i>	<i>Aida Rodriguez</i>
<i>Estate of George H. Adams, IV</i>	<i>Edward A. Passarelli, Jr.</i>
<i>(George Patrick Hovarth, Esquire)</i>	<i>Noah Brody</i>
<i>Karen Scarcella</i>	<i>(Mark B. Morse, Esquire)</i>
<i>Maureen Johnson</i>	<i>Lucille Lesieur</i>
<i>Francis M. Rafael</i>	<i>Shelley J. Loffredo</i>
<i>Lynn M. Robinson</i>	<i>Richard Garcia</i>
<i>Susan M. Diaz</i>	<i>Joshua Briggs</i>
<i>(John N. Calvino, Esquire)</i>	<i>Rita Guzman</i>
<i>Rafael Feliz</i>	<i>Leslie J. Baker</i>
<i>(Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)</i>	<i>Kayla DiSano</i>
<i>Donna Silvestri</i>	<i>Peter Tortorella</i>
<i>Leslie Garedo-Mejia</i>	<i>GEICO a/s/o Jael Lopes</i>
<i>Allstate Insurance Company</i>	<i>Altabeiry Jorge</i>
<i>a/s/o Michael Consiglio</i>	<i>Christopher Grossi</i>
<i>(Daniel J. Archetto, Esquire)</i>	<i>Ruben Antelo</i>
<i>Carol A. Annarino</i>	<i>(John S. Coughlin, Esquire)</i>

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

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON 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:

Patrolman Noel Field, in recognition of his excellent response and diligent attention to detail in the apprehension and arrest of a suspect in a hit and run accident that injured two pedestrians on April 9, 2011.

Patrolman Daniel Gonzalez, in recognition of his excellent response and diligent attention to detail in the apprehension and arrest of a suspect in a hit and run accident that injured two pedestrians on April 9, 2011.

Patrolman John Siglio, in recognition of his excellent response and diligent attention to detail in the apprehension and arrest of a suspect in a hit and run accident that injured two pedestrians on April 9, 2011.

Detective Williams Brown, in recognition of his excellent response and diligent attention to detail in the apprehension and arrest of a suspect in a hit and run accident that injured two pedestrians on April 9, 2011.

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of his granddaughter, Ava Leni Ruggerio, on March 9, 2011.

Charles and Jillian Ruggerio, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Ava Leni Ruggerio, on March 9, 2011.

Curt Tietz, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement from the Narragansett Bay Commission after 29 years of dedicated service from September 20, 1982 to April 29, 2011.

Sharon Contreras, Chief Academic Officer, in recognition of four years of dedicated service to the Providence School Department.

Thomas Morra, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement from the Providence Parks Department after 14 years of dedicated service.

Anthony Voccio, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Joe DiOrion, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

David Pagliaro, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Jill Provoyeur, Coach, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Nicole DiOrion, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Seun Shittu, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Arionna Latson, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Taylor Stewart, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Ashlie Alarcon, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Ivana Gonzalez, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Analyse Valle, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Orianna Rose, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Laura Pichardo, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Tatjana Johnson, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Gianna Pagliaro, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Nicole Comella, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Amesnat Olalekan, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Yanice Grajales, Blessed Sacrament Girl's Basketball, in recognition of being the 2010-2011 Catholic Athletic League School Division Girls Grammar D2 State Champions.

Robert McMahon, in recognition of receiving the "Lace Up for Youth" Award.

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic, in recognition of their First Birthday Celebration on May 7, 2011.

Pastor Frederick A. Adesuyi, in recognition of the celebration of his 60th Birthday, born on May 7, 1951.

Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, Rhode Island College, Class of 2003, in recognition of being a 2011 Honor Roll Recipient of the Rhode Island College Alumni Association.

The Honorable Joanne M. Giannini, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2011 DaVinci Center Community Humanitarian Award.

The Honorable Balbina A. Young, in recognition being the recipient of Friends and Families of the 11th Ward Democratic Committee "Lifetime of Service to a Community in Need" Award.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON 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:

John Belcher
John P. Soltys, Sr.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MATTER NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16-B of the City Council Rules in order to allow the introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

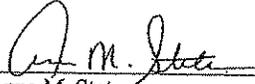
PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 17-189(7) of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "Benefits Payable."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LUNA**, it is voted to adjourn at 8:25 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again **UPON THE RISE OF THE 7:00 O'CLOCK REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 11 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 5:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA,
HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,
COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, YURDIN and ZURIER - 9.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN APONTE, JACKSON, JENNINGS,
NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE and SANCHEZ - 6.

ALSO PRESENT: Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk, Lori L. Hagen,
Second Deputy City Clerk, Jennifer L. Emidy, Assistant Clerk
and Jeffrey Padwa, City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 21 2013

APPROVED:


CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT**.

“Dear Lord, we ask that you will continue to guide the City Council and our city during these very difficult economic times. We hope that we will continue to move forward and we ask for your blessing. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL A. SOLOMON

Communication filed with the City Clerk March 16, 2012, in accordance with Sections 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Rule Number 3 of the Rules of the City Council, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 20th day of March at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Stetson:

In accordance with the Provisions of Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Rule 3 of the Rules of the City Council, I am, this day, calling a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANGEL TAVERAS, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2012, SUBMITTING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY FOR A TIME PERIOD FROM JUNE 30, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

PETITION FROM JOHN J. BOWEN, CHANCELLOR, JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY, 8 ABBOTT PARK PLACE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903, REQUESTING TO ABANDON PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING "STREET AREAS"; READ STREET, SHIPYARD STREET AND HARBORSIDE BOULEVARD.

Respectfully,



Council President Michael A. Solomon

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to the City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 20th day of March, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

DAVID TASSONI, CITY SERGEANT:

WHEREAS, Council President Michael A. Solomon, pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Rule 3 of the Rules of the City Council requested the City Clerk, in writing, to Call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall for the purpose of Enacting the following:

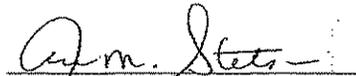
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You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

HEREOF, Fail Not, and make a true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and the Official Seal
of the City of Providence, State of Rhode
Island and Providence Plantations this 16th
day of March, 2012, A.D.


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Approved:

Resolution Authorizing the Memorandum of Agreement reached Between the City of Providence and Johnson & Wales University for a Time Period from June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, Mayor Angel Taveras submitted a Memorandum of Agreement reached between the City of Providence and Johnson & Wales University for the time period from June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Providence City Council considered the matter on March 1, 2012, and referred it to the Committee on Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance met on March 15, 2012, and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the full Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Providence and Johnson & Wales University is hereby ratified and approved.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZURIER, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, YURDIN and ZURIER – 9.

NAYES: NONE.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN APONTE, JACKSON, JENNINGS, NARDUCCI,
PRINCIPE AND SANCHEZ – 6.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMUNICATION

Petition from John J. Bowen, Chancellor, Johnson & Wales University, 8 Abbott Park Place, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to abandon portions the following "Street Areas": Read Street, Shipyard Street and Harborside Boulevard.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, it is voted to adjourn at 5:10 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.), to meet again TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)



Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

