

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 172*

**EFFECTIVE June 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020 Governor Gina Raimondo declared a state of emergency for the State of Rhode Island and on March 12, 2020 Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the City of Providence to contain the spread of the COVID-19. The pandemic has led to 85,000 deaths nationwide and 462 deaths in the state of Rhode Island. The impact of the COVID-19 on Rhode Island's economy has been devastating. As of May 9, 2020, Rhode Island has one of the highest numbers of unemployment claims as a percentage of the civilian labor force in the country, at 17.9 percent. Mayor Elorza has prepared and presented his FY2021 Budget in accordance with the terms of the City of Providence Home Rule Charter. The City's FY 2021 Budget has been referred to the City Council Finance Committee for review; and

WHEREAS, Due to the severe negative impact of COVID-19 on the City's Budget, the City Council Finance Committee should conduct a thorough review of the City's FY 2021 Budget to ensure that the City is operating in an efficient, cost effective manner; is leveraging every opportunity to increase sources of revenue; and to safeguard the services and programs for the residents of our city that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Finance Committee should conduct its due diligence of the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget in an open, transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Finance Committee should discuss proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget on the Committee floor in a manner which is clear and transparent, so the public has a clear understanding of the proposed amendments before the Finance Committee holds a public meeting on the budget; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Finance Committee should continue its practice of requesting that all Directors of Departments present their budgets in detail to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Finance Committee should request presentations regarding the City Council's FY 2021 Departmental Budget and the Mayor's FY 2021 Departmental Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council does hereby request the Mayor and his administration to present to the City Council Finance Committee his proposed FY 2021 Departmental Budget, including (1) a list of all positions filled from March 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020, including whether those positions were essential or non-essential; (2) an organizational structure chart; (3) a list of unfilled vacancies and whether those vacancies are essential or non-essential; (4) a comparison analysis of the proposed budget organized as follows:

(i) Budget 2020 vs. Proposed 2021 Budget, (ii) Budget 2020 v. Projected Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and (iii) Proposed 2021 Budget v. Projected Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council does hereby request the City Council President and her administration to present to the City Council Finance Committee its proposed FY 2021 Departmental Budget, including (1) a list of all positions filled from March 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020, including whether those positions were essential or non-essential; (2) an organizational structure chart; (3) a list of unfilled vacancies and whether those vacancies are essential or non-essential; (4) a comparison analysis of the proposed budget organized as follows: (i) Budget 2020 vs. Proposed 2021 Budget, (ii) Budget 2020 v. Projected Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and (iii) Proposed 2021 Budget v. Projected Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the City Council President, City Council Internal Auditor, the Mayor, the City Finance Director, the City Internal Auditor.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 21 2020**

**READ AND PASSED**

*Sabina Mats*  
**PRES.**

*Shawn Selbeck*  
**CLERK**

**Effective without the Mayor's Signature**

*Shawn Selbeck*

**Shawn Selbeck  
City Clerk**