

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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CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 3 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 15.

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 JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY**.

"Dear Lord, Thank you for bringing us together to work on improving the lives of all residents of Providence. Each one of us brings a unique perspective to our work. Give us the strength to listen and learn from each other. There are so many problems in our city. Lack of affordable housing, lack of quality public education, lack of an urgent plan to address climate change just to name a few. We need to be innovative and collaborative to make change. Please continue to guide us and help us deliver thoughtful, well-crafted solutions to the problems we face. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 2 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 18, 2024.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE ON WARD BOUNDARIES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER calls for nominations of Members to the Committee on Ward Boundaries, **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR** nominates **COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, COUNCILOR MIGUEL A. SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON, COUNCILWOMAN ANA S. VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Calls for further nominations and there being none, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted that nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, COUNCILOR MIGUEL A. SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON, COUNCILWOMAN ANA S. VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

The Clerk Casts (1) Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, Thereupon declares **COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, COUNCILOR MIGUEL A. SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON, COUNCILWOMAN ANA S. VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, duly elected Members of the Committee on Ward Boundaries.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 23, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1003 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing **Randall Rice** of 47 Higgins Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Board of Park Commissioners** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Ana Barraza** of 72 Anthony Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Barraza replaces Mr. Lajuan Allen who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Regina Clement** of 82 Arbor Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Cheryl Galloway** of 135 Seamans Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Galloway replaces Ms. Ciampi who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Maria Monteiro** of 218 Home Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Cristopher Llopiz Osorio** of 127 DePasquale Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Osorio replaces Mr. Gonzalez Trejo who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Celeste Terry Lo** of 20 Lubec Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1006 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **John Arzoomanian** of 111 PeepToad Road, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857 to the position of **Director of the Department of Public Property**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL,
COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article I "In General" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Section 17-35 "Providence Public School Graduates."

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES AND HARRIS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 "Revenue and Finance", of the Providence Code of Ordinances, to add Article XVIII, "Tax Amnesty Period."

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 5 through 14, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item 5 and Refers items 6 through 14 to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Members of the Providence City Council to support and approve the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for Stage II Approval.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council share the Providence School Committee's desire to provide all of the City's students with 21st Century learning facilities; and

WHEREAS, In support of this endeavor, it is necessary to offer students with progressive educational environments that will incorporate different types of collaboration and learning spaces to enhance students' daily experience; and

WHEREAS, The Providence School Committee has completed a comprehensive application for Stage II approval by the Rhode Island Department of Education ("RIDE") consistent with the Rhode Island School Construction Regulations ("Regulations") that addresses the mutual goals of both the City Council and the School Committee; and

WHEREAS, 200-RICR-20-05-4.9.3(A)(6)(a) of the Regulations requires the submission of documentation demonstrating the City Council's support of the Stage II submission to RIDE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Providence City Council hereby support and approve the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for Stage II approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Providence City Council.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 15 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

The Following Resolution was in City Council on January 18, 2024, substituted and Laid on the Table:

Resolution Honoring Dr. Bennie Fleming for her 100th Birthday on November 19, 2023.

WHEREAS, Dr. Bennie Fleming is a distinguished Rhode Island resident and a brave war Veteran who served as a 1st Lt. in the Army Nurse Corp during World War II, caring for the wounded and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fleming is a Texas native who overcame the challenges of racial segregation in the armed services in the 1940's, where she met her future husband, Lt. Theodore Fleming, a doctor from Rhode Island and they moved to Rhode Island to start a family and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fleming has been a loyal and active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 82 years and is a Charter Member of the Providence Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, supporting the sorority's mission of public service, sisterhood, and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, She continued her work as an educator and leader, becoming the first Black nurse to teach at Rhode Island College where she inspired and mentored young people for more than 40 years before retiring at 71; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fleming was the Science Area Administrator Supervisor for Providence Public Schools from 1987 through 1996, enhancing the quality and standards of science education for the students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, She was honored as one of 350 Outstanding Citizens in Providence during the City's 350 Anniversary Celebration, reflecting her remarkable contributions and achievements; and

WHEREAS, On March 21st, 2003, Mount Pleasant High School named the new school-based health center in honor of Dr. Fleming, acknowledging her legacy and impact on the health and well-being of the school community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fleming is still vibrant and healthy as she walks two miles every day and is an avid gardener, enjoying the beauty of nature; and

WHEREAS, Our City has become more resilient and inclusive by the work of Dr. Bennie Fleming, who exemplifies the values of courage, compassion, and excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence proudly recognizes and celebrates Dr. Bennie Fleming for turning 100 on November 19, 2023, wishing her a happy birthday and many more years of happiness and fulfillment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the office of Mayor Brett Smiley, the office of Rhode Island College President Jack R. Warner, the office of Principal of Mount Pleasant High School Wobberson Torchon, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Providence Public School Department, and Dr. Bennie Fleming.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 16 and have the Clerk read it in to the record and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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RECONVENTION

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN
ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND COUNCILOR ROIAS**

Resolution Establishing Tax Exempt Status for Southside Community Land Trust's
Property located at 404 Broad Street.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS Abstains on voting on item 14.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

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

Resolution Authorizing Project Weber/RENEW to open and operate an Overdose
Prevention Center (OPC) at 45 Willard Avenue.

WHEREAS, Legislation authorizing the establishment of a Harm Reduction Center in
Rhode Island was passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 2021; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, 434 Rhode Islanders lost their lives due to accidental drug
overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Each person who tragically passed is a friend, neighbor or family member,
with nearly everyone in our state being directly or indirectly impacted by this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Harm Reduction Centers, also known as “safe consumption sites” or
“overdose prevention centers” provide a range of services all in one location. These services
include access to basic needs such as food, water and hygiene products; safer use supplies and
Narcan/naloxone; case management services, HIV and hepatitis C testing and linkage to care;
housing support, and peer recovery coaching among other services; and

WHEREAS, Project Weber/RENEW and clinical partner VICTA have secured a location
for the nation’s first state-regulated Harm Reduction Center at 45 Willard Avenue next to the
Rhode Island Hospital Campus; and

WHEREAS, Project Weber/RENEW has over 15 years of experience providing peer-led
harm reduction and recovery support services, building relationships with the people it serves,
and fighting for systematic change; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, Project Weber/RENEW served 6,000 individuals in more than
22,000 encounters; and

WHEREAS, VICTA is a fully integrated healthcare center offering a continuum of services in its flagship Providence office. In addition to prescribing and dispensing medications for the treatment of opioid and alcohol use disorders, VICTA offers outpatient counseling for substance use, mental health, and trauma-related disorders; and

WHEREAS, Since opening their flagship office in March 2019, VICTA has served nearly 3,500 clients with an interdisciplinary team of medical and substance abuse professionals; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Health will regulate and oversee all operations of the Harm Reduction Center located at 45 Willard Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to § 23-12.10-1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, any harm reduction center proposed to be operated shall require municipal authorization and approval by way of affirmative vote by the city or town council, or equivalent body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence, by way of affirmative vote, authorize Project Weber/RENEW and clinal partner VICTA to open and operate a Harm Reduction Center at 45 Willard Avenue, on Assessor's Plat 46, Lot 97, to initially be allowed to open 9am-6pm, Monday through Friday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Chairperson of the Project Weber/RENEW Board of Directors, the CEO of VICTA, Rhode Island State Senator Joshua Miller and Rhode Island State Representative John G. Edwards.

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

Resolution Establishing the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is committed to empowering strong, safe neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit the City; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence is a public health crisis recognized by the American Public Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has taken the lives of far too many Providence residents, including the City's young people; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence threatens to undermine Providence's economic recovery by disrupting education, public health, business, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Defense Fund has found that gun violence disproportionately affects minority communities, with Black and Hispanic children and teens being 4.7 times and 3.3 times more likely to be injured from guns than their White counterparts; and

WHEREAS, An immediate and all-hands approach is critical to ensuring that the City is utilizing all resources to increase community safety and address the root causes of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Intervention (CVI) is an approach that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives; and

WHEREAS, These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation, establishing relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence; and

WHEREAS, By focusing on disproportionately impacted communities and restorative justice, the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council will reduce gun violence within the City of Providence by collaborating with the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is a majority-minority city that is committed to providing healthy opportunities and options for its youth; and

WHEREAS, The Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council will assist the Mayor and Council in developing policies that improve the coordination and implementation of criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution purports to compel the City to pursue any specific grant funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council meetings are Open Meetings under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6; and

WHEREAS, The Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council shall sunset at the end of the current Providence City Council Term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby establishes the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council to serve as an advisory body on matters related to the reduction of gun violence in Providence. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following members:

1. Ward 6 City Councilor Miguel Sanchez
2. Six community representatives appointed by the Providence City Council
3. The Mayor of Providence or designee
4. A representative appointed by the Mayor of Providence
5. Two representatives from the Providence Police Department
6. A representative from the Rhode Island Public Safety Grant Administration Office
7. A representative from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Council is charged with the following responsibilities:

- a) To serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Council on matters related to reducing gun violence in Providence;
- b) To help identify funding opportunities for strategies to reduce gun violence;
- c) To support and promote programs to reduce gun violence;
- d) To study and recommend changes in law, regulation and policy;
- e) To promote government and community cooperation to reduce gun violence by use of Community Violence Intervention (CVI) initiatives;
- f) To produce an annual report outlining the findings, recommendations, and activities of the advisory council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and all organizations named in this resolution.

**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN
GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN
VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing and Supporting the Right of Youth Pride, Inc. to Unionize.

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc. is the sole nonprofit organization in Rhode Island that caters to the diverse and specific needs of LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults aged 25 and under, by providing them with direct service, support, advocacy, and education; and

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc. is dedicated to empowering the leaders of today and tomorrow, by ensuring that youth voices drive their process, and by developing the leadership skills of their members both within and outside the organization; and

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc. values building strong and meaningful connections as a key factor for youth success and empowerment, and strives to create a caring, respectful, and inclusive community of young people and adults; and

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc. offers a range of youth support services, such as mental health counseling, housing assistance, GED preparation, toiletries and school supplies, food and clothing donations, and more; and

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc. is a leading advocate for the policy needs of LGBTQ+ youth and a champion of their self-advocacy, through various actions such as testifying at the statehouse, attending rallies, chairing the statewide LGBTQ+ Youth Task Force, and participating in various panels and commissions that influence decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, Youth Pride Inc.'s center and service team staff have filed a petition to join 1199 SEIU, the largest and fastest-growing healthcare union in the nation, because they believe unionizing is a vital step in creating a sustainable and supportive work environment that enables them to effectively serve the youth they care for; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes and appreciates the essential role of unions in advancing the economic and social well-being of workers and their families, as well as the democratic participation and civic engagement of working people in the community; and

WHEREAS, Union jobs are crucial to reducing the income inequality and the gender and racial pay gaps that plague our society; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the widening income disparity between the wealthiest Americans and the middle class is harmful to labor, business, a dynamic economy, and a stable democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence hereby expresses its full and unequivocal support for the right of Youth Pride Inc. to unionize and bargain collectively for fair and dignified working conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence commends Youth Pride Inc. for their invaluable service to the LGBTQ+ youth and young adults of Rhode Island and for their courageous stand for workers' rights and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the office of Mayor Brett Smiley and the Youth Pride Inc.

**COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,
COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS,
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Congratulating the Cast and Crew of "La Broa' (Broad Street)" and Trinity Repertory Theater for a successful opening night and for contributing to the Art, Culture, and History of Providence's Latino Community by bringing to life the historical work of Marta V. Martinez and her book "Latino History of Rhode Island: Nuestras Raices."

WHEREAS, January 24th was opening night and the world premiere of "La Broa' (Broad Street)" at Trinity Repertory Theater - a play written by Orlando Hernández, directed by Tatyana-Marie Carlo, and inspired by the book "Latino History of Rhode Island: Nuestras Raíces" by Marta V. Martínez; and

WHEREAS, La Broa' is a play based on the lives of real people who shaped Latino history in Providence and, more specifically, the Broad Street neighborhood of South Providence; and

WHEREAS, Described by its director as "a love letter to Broad Street", this play celebrates the contributions of Latin American Rhode Islanders to the culture, economy, and history of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The set design, the production, and the acting of La Broa' is exemplary of the outstanding quality that Trinity Repertory has been nationally recognized for; and

WHEREAS, This play is a poignant reminder of the necessity of historical documentation, especially for historically overlooked communities whose vibrant stories have shaped the spirit of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The play's vivid depiction of the Broad Street community reminds us of hurdles and victories that every Rhode Islander with immigrant ancestry can relate to; and

WHEREAS, It is the power of historical storytelling and live theater to evoke a response that is both deeply personal and also connects all of us in a shared experience; and

WHEREAS, The portrayal onstage of the lived experiences of Latino Rhode Islanders sheds light on the nuance and complexity of the Broad Street community and all immigrant American communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence as we know it today stands on the shoulders of generations past, and it is our duty to be stewards of the past so that we might be stewards of the future; and

WHEREAS, This play and the stories told therein, remind us as that as members of the Providence City Council we serve complex communities and that we must allow history to inform every moment of our civic service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council enthusiastically congratulates Trinity Repertory Theater and the cast and crew of La Broa' for a successful opening night; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council also expresses deep gratitude for this invaluable contribution to the city's culture and for the critically important historical and ethnographic work of Marta V. Martínez which has expanded the ways in which we understand the history of the people of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the office of Mayor Brett Smiley, to Trinity Repertory Theater, and to Rhode Island Latino Arts.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Requesting an easement located on Assessor's Plat 88, Lot 102 (933 Elmwood Avenue), running alongside Interstate 95.

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

Petitioner THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY, a domestic utility currently doing business as Rhode Island Energy, located at 280 Melrose Avenue in Providence, has requested an easement over, under, and across City-owned land at 933 Elmwood Avenue (Assessor's Plat 88 Lot 102), running alongside Interstate 95. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into the easement attached as Exhibit A.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 through 22 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I want to thank and congratulate this body for making history tonight. The substance use disorder and overdose crisis is an epidemic. It touches every one of us. There is not a single person in this room tonight who has not been impacted whether you are aware of it or not. What we accomplished tonight in approving the country's first State Regulated Harm Reduction Center would not have been possible without the intention and advocacy from many sources. Senator Josh Miller, can you please stand and be recognized sir. Without your leadership and frankly the sponsorship of the enabling legislation at the state level, but even after you passed that, you have been working with advocates from Weber/RENEW and with members of this body in making sure that it can become a reality. That is seen and noticed and deeply appreciated. And, of course, the leaders from Weber/RENEW who are with us tonight, thank you for your vision and for not giving up, for finding the place that was going to work and all the effort and hard work that you brought to this. So, I believe in this project because I know your work and I know that you never give up on our community and I believe in you. So, to work to overcome this substance abuse crisis is huge, its multifaceted and tonight the Providence City Council is putting another lifesaving strategy into our city because of your work and you hearts So, thank you."

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 1, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Stephen T. Napolitano, Esquire** of 383 Woodward Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment and Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 1, 2023, 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 re-appointing **Christine West** of 1 Central Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2029, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 1, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing **James Hackett** of 70 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment and Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 1, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Kojo V. King** of 39 Fisk Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment and Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. King replaces Mr. Husband who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Chapter 27, Article 17, Sections 1703 and 1714 of the Zoning Ordinance and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Anthia Maniotes** of 209 8th Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Zoning Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2029, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 23 through 27 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Jennifer R. Cervenka, 225 Dyer Street, 2nd floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 on behalf of the Providence Community Health Centers, Inc., requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 295 (239 Cranston Street), from R-3 to C-2.

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of Seyheng Theng, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 102, Lot 192 (64 Winchester Street), from R-2 to R-4.

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of 3 Guys, LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 346 (152 Pavilion Avenue), from R-3 to C-3.

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of Meow Mix, LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 614 (400-410 Hope Street), from R-3 to C-1.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Catherine Warren
Katy Westcott
Claudia Haugen
Desiree Smith
Elizabeth Reyes
Cristy Perry
RIPTA
Joel De Jesus
Klone Alves
Alfred Roberts, Jr.
(Wilber & Associates o/b/o Safety Insurance Company
a/s/o Alfred Roberts)

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Yuselly Mendoza, dated January 9, 2024, submitting her resignation from the Providence Human Relations Commission.

Report from Caleb T. Horton, City Archivist, dated January 26, 2024, submitting the Annual Report for the calendar year 2023 of the Division of Archives and History.

Report from 78 Fountain Street BAC, LLC, 71 Third Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

Report from Sampalis Reality, LLC, 20 Kristin Drive, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

RESULT: RECEIVED

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 28 through 36, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 28 through 31 to the Committee on Ordinances, item 32 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 33 through 36.

**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:

Battalion Chief Joseph Paiva, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Deputy Assistant Chief.

Battalion Chief Robert M. Butler, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Deputy Assistant.

Fire Captain Ryan M. Desmarais, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Fire Captain Christopher J. Lannan, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Rescue Lieutenant Gillian A. Cardelli, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Rescue Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Jason P. White, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Patrick J. Burke, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Anthony Toro, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Brad C. Casavant, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Firefighter Joseph F. Lecza, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Neil J. Chionchio, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter William R. Mahoney, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Gregory S. Pavao, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Jon C. Augustine, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Winners Circle XR Academy, in recognition of the Youth Innovation STEAM Hub Soft Launch and Red Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on January 20, 2024, and for your continued commitment to advancing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics education for underserved students in our community.

Kenny Borge, in recognition of the accomplishment of your film “Trinity Is Home” and for all your contributions to the Providence Community.

The Perry Group, in recognition of the celebration of your 15th Anniversary!

David Taylor, in recognition of the celebration of your 30th Birthday on January 23, 2024!

Armory Market Coordinators, Farm Fresh RI, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Boston Globe Newsroom, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Bryan Benedict, Owner, Moniker Brewery, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Rosa Ortiz, Founder, West End Community Revival Association, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Nina Stack, Executive Director, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Valerie Malone, School Counselor/Teacher Leader, West Broadway Middle School, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Providence Journal Newsroom, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award.

Jennifer Delgado, Pre-K Special Education Teacher, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association School Hero Award.

Claudia and Rick Jardon, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Spirit Award.

Anthony Faiola and Michael Abdallah, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Spirit Award.

Commander Timothy O’Hara, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being pinned as Commander, Deputy Chief of Police.

Officer Kyle Shea, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

Officer Jared Stanzione, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

Officer Shaun Marmas, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

Officer Michele Tella, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

Officer Matthew Fadale, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the rank of Detective.

Officer Erik Breault, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of Detective.

Officer Jason Cotugno, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of BCI Detective.

Officer Jessica Leone, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of BCI Detective.

Officer Genifer O’Kane, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of YSB Detective.

Officer Robert Carlin, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of being promoted to the Rank of YSB Detective.

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

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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:

Irene A. Lazzareschi

Retired Battalion Chief William Thurber

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 38 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 16(B) OF THE RULES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TAKE MATTERS NOT
APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

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

**MATTERS NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated January 31, 2024, Informing Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk, that pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-377 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, she is this day appointing **Christian J. Miller** of 277 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** for a term of three years, ending on December 31, 2026.

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated February 1, 2024, Informing Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk, that pursuant to Rule 24 of the Rules of the Providence City Council, she is this day appointing **Councilwoman Althea Graves** to the **Committee on Finance**.

RESULT: RECEIVED

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Retired Providence Firefighter Matthew F. Ray, Retired Providence Fire Battalion Chief William Thurber, Santa L. DeLeon, Fausto Arias Pichardo, Edward "Eamon" Madden, Navy Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Christopher J. Chambers, Navy Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class Nathan Gage Ingram, Sergeant William Jerome Rivers, Specialist Kennedy Ladon Sanders and Specialist Breonna Alexsondria Moffett of Savannah Georgia may they rest in peace, at 6:50 o'clock P.M., to meet again **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.**



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=s_7EDMibBYw*

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