

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.



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No. 23 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 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, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON – 1.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, YULY POLANCO, ASSISTANT CLERK, AND JEFF DANA, CITY SOLICITOR.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**.

"Heavenly Father, let us pause for a moment of reflection as we begin tonight's meeting. May we approach our work with humility, wisdom and a steadfast commitment to serving our community. And let our decisions be guiding by justice, equity and the shared vision of a city that uplifts all of its' residents. May we listen with open hearts, deliberate with clarity and act with courage. And as we navigate the challenges before us let us remain united in our purpose always striving for the greater good. Together may we honor the trust placed in us and work toward a brighter future for all who call the City of Providence home. Amen"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I just want to take a quick moment of personal privilege to congratulate our colleague Councilwoman Althea Graves on receiving the Providence Preservation Society Heritage Stewardship Award."

APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Miller, dated November 12, 2024, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Melissa Cruz**, Senior Director of Constituent Services, Providence City Council Office, to the **Providence Emergency Advisory Council (PEMAC)**, for a two-year term expiring on January 31, 2025. (Ms. Cruz will complete Kristina Brown's two-year term).

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council November 7, 2024, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance of the City of Providence approving improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board Distribution System and Appurtenances thereto, including but not limited to the replacement of public and private side lead services and approving the financing thereof by the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$26,300,000.00.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE THAT:

SECTION 1. A sum not to exceed Twenty-Six Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,300,000) is appropriated to fund improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board ("Providence Water") distribution system and appurtenances thereto, including but not limited to the replacement of public and private side lead services, funding of a debt service reserve fund and costs of issuance. The period of usefulness of the improvements financed is expected to be not less than forty (40) years.

SECTION 2. To provide funding for the program, in accordance with Chapter 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the City Treasurer and the Mayor are hereby authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding Twenty-Six Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,300,000) from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, and to evidence such loan, such officers are hereby authorized to issue and refund on behalf of the City, in an amount not exceeding Twenty-Six Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,300,000) water revenue bonds (the "Bonds") of the City, at one time, or from time to time in order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 3. The said officers from time to time may issue and refund not exceeding \$26,300,000 interest bearing or discounted water revenue notes (the "Notes") in anticipation of the issue of said Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Bonds and Notes shall be payable solely from revenues of the Providence water supply system. The City may issue bonds, notes, or other obligations on a parity with these Bonds. The manner of sale, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest rates, medium of payment, and other terms, conditions and details of the Bonds or Notes may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the Bonds or Notes. The net debt of the City is not affected by the issuance of the Bonds or Notes and the Bonds and Notes authorized hereby will be within all debt and other limitations prescribed by the Constitution and the laws of Rhode Island.

SECTION 5. Pending the issuance of the Bonds under Section 2 hereof or pending or in lieu of the issue of Notes under Section 3 hereof, the General Manager of Providence Water may expend funds from the Water Fund of the City for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. Any advances made under this section shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of the Bonds or Notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 6. The City Treasurer, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are also authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the City, to: (i) execute, acknowledge and deliver a Supplemental Indenture (the "Supplemental Indenture") by and between the City and U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor trustee to U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trustee") amending and supplementing the Trust Indenture dated June 5, 2008 by and between the City and the Trustee (as supplemented, the "Indenture") relating to the Bonds and any and all other loan agreements, documents, including disclosure documents for investors, certificates or instruments necessary to effectuate such borrowing; (ii) amend, modify or supplement the Indenture, the Bonds or Notes and any and all other loan agreements, documents, certificates or instruments at any time and from time to time, in such manner and for such purposes as such officers shall deem necessary, desirable or advisable; (iii) direct the Trustee with regard to investments of trust funds pursuant to the Trust Indenture, and (iv) do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such officers to be necessary, desirable or advisable with respect to any matters contemplated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. The City Treasurer, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are hereby authorized to deliver the Bonds or Notes to the purchaser and, to the extent that such Bonds or Notes may be issued on a tax-exempt basis, said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the City and Providence Water, necessary to ensure that interest on the Bonds or Notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the Bonds or Notes to become subject to federal income taxes.

SECTION 8. The Director of Finance, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with federal tax and securities laws including Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Rule") and to execute and deliver one or more Disclosure Certificates in connection with the Bonds or Notes in the form as shall be deemed advisable by the Director of Finance, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water in order to comply with the SEC Rule. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Disclosure Certificates, as they may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance or the Bonds or Notes, failure of the City or Providence Water to comply with a Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default; however, any

Bondholder or Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the City or Providence Water to comply with its obligations under this Section and under the Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSTAIN:	Councilor Roias – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Adopting the City of Providence's Official Comprehensive Plan.

Section 1. The attached Comprehensive Plan for the City of Providence is hereby adopted and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage for the purpose of conforming municipal land use decisions. This Ordinance shall not become effective for the purposes of guiding state agency actions until it is approved by the State of Rhode Island pursuant to the methods stated in Chapter 45-22.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, or pursuant to any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to such chapter.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 5 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [11 TO 2]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
NAYS:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.
ABSTAIN:	Councilor Roias – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions", Amending Section 16-128 Entitled "Appeals".

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places", as amended, to change Article 1, Sec. 23-35 relating to utility permits.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Health and Sanitation", as amended, to add Article VII, "Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment".

RESULT:	REFERRED Items 7 and 8
TO:	Special Committee on Environment and Resiliency

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES AND VARGAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 21, "Revenue and Finance", Article II, "Division of Purchase Orders" Section 21-27, "Competitive Bidding" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places", Article I, "In General" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Section 23-38 "Camping On Public Property".

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 10, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Councilman Taylor wishes to be recorded as voting "no" on referral to committee for items 8 and 10.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 6 to the Committee on Ordinances, Refers items 7 and 8 to the Special Committee on Environment and Resiliency, Refers item 9 to the Committee on Finance, Refers item 10 to the Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS AND
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**

Resolution Celebrating National and Rhode Island Apprenticeship Week.

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 8th year of Rhode Island celebrating Apprenticeship Week, highlighting the crucial role Registered Apprenticeship plays in our economy and its life-changing impact on individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a proven industry-led workforce development model that creates a clear path for Rhode Islanders to higher-wage employment and enables employers to develop and retain the highly-skilled workforce needed to drive Rhode Island's economy forward; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship provides opportunities for apprentices to "earn and learn" and achieve recognized mastery of an occupation through structured, on-the-job training and post-secondary education leading to nationally-portable credentials; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship offers Providence residents a road to higher wages by providing structured, earn-while-you-learn on-the-job training, a career ladder with predictable wage increases, and post-secondary credentials resulting in stable employment and fulfilling careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is an important tool in closing the wage gap on racial and gender disparities across Rhode Island's diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a preeminent form of workforce development with guaranteed wage advancement and strong returns on investment as demonstrated by the Mathematica Policy Research ten-year, ten-state longitudinal data study which documented that every \$1 public workforce dollar returns \$27, and that over a career, completers earn \$300,000 more than their peers; and

WHEREAS, Construction trade occupations have well-established registered apprenticeship programs to train new entrants while employed as registered apprentices to become highly skilled tradespeople and have created career opportunities for 270 Providence residents over the last year alone; and

WHEREAS, Since 2015, Rhode Island has expanded the use of Registered Apprenticeship to 38 new occupations, over 150 new employers, and created apprentice employment opportunities for more than 500 Providence residents in diverse occupations like arborist, behavioral assistant, bench jeweler, commercial fisher, data analyst, early childhood educator, small scale farmer, community health worker, digital content producer police patrol officer, in-patient nurse, landscape technician, and many others in healthcare and the care economy, marine trades, manufacturing, and more; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby declare November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Providence.

**COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

Resolution Requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly Grant Tax Exempt Status to Providence Preservation Society for their property located at 24 Meeting Street, effective September 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, The Providence Preservation Society (PPS) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1956 with a mission to “support and advocate for historic preservation, thoughtful design, and people-centered planning in Providence”; and

WHEREAS, Unlike many preservation organizations of the time, PPS operated with the understanding that the work of preservation is not defined by the fight to protect singular examples of architecture, but to engage communities in planning and zoning policy; and

WHEREAS, Their work to preserve the historic fabric of our city has contributed mightily to defining Providence’s unique cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, PPS has evolved into a unique civic and community resource with a distinguished history of grassroots advocacy, visionary education and training programs, and scholarship on and about the city, and

WHEREAS, The work of PPS goes beyond protecting the legacies we have inherited from the past but also toward considering how those legacies should be defined for the future; and

WHEREAS, “The Old Brick School House” of 24 Meeting Street was built in 1769 and serves as PPS’s main address and is an exemplary example of modern preservation, as it is the oldest school building still in existence in Rhode Island and one of the earliest surviving brick school houses in the country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence benefits immensely from having an organization like PPS that possesses the considerable knowledge and variety of skills required by successful preservation; and

WHEREAS, Their mission as a not for profit organization aligns them with similar not for profit organizations that receive property tax exemption status; and

WHEREAS, Granting them this status for their property at 24 Meeting Street will help them continue their valuable work in and for the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council is formally requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly grant tax exemption to the Providence Preservation Society for their property located at 24 Meeting Street, effective September 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley, and the Providence Preservation Society.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 11 and 12 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Algonquin House as a Center of Resilience and Community and Calling for the Honorary Renaming of Laura Street to "Algonquin Way".

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 13, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution of the Providence City Council Opposing Daylight Saving Time and Supporting the Sunshine Protection Act.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 14 and Withdraw, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Luke A. Teeman.

WHEREAS, Luke A. Teeman, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on October 9, 2024, leaving a profound impact on all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Luke was the devoted husband of Deborah “Deb” Palumbo Teeman and a proud father to Shannon Brennan and her wife, Johanna Church; Erin (Brennan) Nascimento and her husband, Jason Nascimento; and Kelly Brennan. He was also the cherished grandfather to his “bestest friend,” Aubrey Nascimento, and a beloved brother, uncle, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Luke was known for his quiet generosity, always finding ways to help others without seeking recognition. His heart was as big as his smile, and his kindness knew no bounds. He touched the lives of countless people, from his work as the Community Outreach Coordinator at the Providence Walmart to his dedication as a volunteer with Red Lined, a nonprofit that increases access to menstrual products. Luke’s spirit of service was also reflected in his role as a joyful Santa at the Wanskuck Library and his signature “grumpy elf” appearance on Black Friday; and

WHEREAS, Though he may not have been a household name, Luke Teeman was one of Providence’s quiet heroes. He embodied the spirit of service that so often goes unseen, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those around him in ways that celebrity could never reach. Through small acts of generosity and moments of kindness, he became a true pillar of the community, inspiring others to care deeply and act compassionately; and

WHEREAS, Luke’s love for life was contagious. He celebrated holidays with enthusiasm, enjoyed thrifting adventures with his wife, Deb, and was known for his vibrant and joyful personality. Luke’s dedication to the LGBTQIA2+ community was evident in his spirited participation at Pride events, where he embraced the celebration with style, earning the affectionate title of “Gay Santa”; and

WHEREAS, Luke’s memory lives on through his children, his granddaughter, his extended family, and the countless friends whose lives he touched with his kindness, humor, and unconditional love;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the life and legacy of Luke A. Teeman, a man whose generosity, kindness, and love for his community will never be forgotten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all those who mourn his passing. Luke’s spirit of giving and love will continue to inspire and uplift our community for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Luke A. Teeman as an expression of the Council’s deepest sympathy and gratitude for his contributions to the Providence community.

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Reverend Gustavo Gutiérrez.

WHEREAS, Reverend Gustavo Gutiérrez, a Peruvian theologian and Dominican priest, devoted his life to championing the dignity of the poor and marginalized through his groundbreaking work in liberation theology; and

WHEREAS, His seminal book, A Theology of Liberation, first published in 1971, articulated the revolutionary concept of a "preferential option for the poor," emphasizing the moral and spiritual imperative to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable as central to faith and justice; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gutiérrez challenged the global community to confront poverty not as an inevitable condition but as a systemic injustice that requires active resistance and abolition; and

WHEREAS, His vision inspired movements worldwide to establish housing, health care, and other basic needs as fundamental human rights and reshaped Roman Catholic social teaching to include empathy and advocacy for the poor as core tenets; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gutiérrez's decades of ministry in the impoverished Rímac district of Lima, Peru, embodied his commitment to standing in solidarity with marginalized communities and addressing poverty not only as an economic issue but as a spiritual and societal evil; and

WHEREAS, His theological approach—centered on reading history through the eyes of the oppressed—continues to inspire grassroots activism and academic scholarship today, making his work relevant across generations and continents; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gutiérrez's contributions earned him global recognition, including an honorary doctorate from Yale University, induction into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the respect of faith leaders, including Pope Francis, who elevated liberation theology as an essential framework for modern Catholicism; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gutiérrez passed away on October 22, 2024, at the age of 96, leaving behind an enduring legacy of compassion, scholarship, and advocacy for justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life and contributions of Reverend Gustavo Gutiérrez, recognizing his profound impact as a theologian, author, and advocate who called on the world to embrace a preferential treatment of the poor and to strive for equity and liberation for all;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and admirers worldwide and commits to upholding the values of justice, dignity, and solidarity that Reverend Gutiérrez so passionately espoused.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 16, Substitute and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage, As Amended, is Sustained.

COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Congratulating the Voters of Maine on their historic referendum to limit political action committee (PAC) donations.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17 and Withdraw, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted, As Amended:

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the property located at 265 Manton Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18, Substitute the Fiscal Note and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time, As Amended, is Sustained.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, as amended, to change certain text in Article 20 regarding the Nonconformity of Existing Self-Storage Facilities.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance, "Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to modify regulations for accessory dwelling units.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, requesting a text change to amend Section 2001 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Non-Conforming Uses".

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 through 21 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY
AND EDUCATION (HOPE),
COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, Chair**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

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

Resolution Supporting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Providence After School Alliance.

WHEREAS, The Providence After School Alliance (PASA) has been a valuable resource to Providence youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the substantial value that the deep relationship between PASA and Providence has delivered to youth and families in Providence; and

WHEREAS, The intent of continuing to facilitate PASA's provision of critical services to the youth and families of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Providence After School Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the efforts of the Providence After School Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and the Providence After School Alliance.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 22 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

Nelida Izquierdo 24-308
Daejanni Baptiste 24-309
AMICA Mutal
a/s/o Mawen Duncan 24-310
Emma Pena
(Resmini Law, LLC) 24-311
RIPTA 24-312
Robert Miller, Jr. 24-313
Lisa Shen 24-314
Kristen Bond 24-315
Francis J. Perez 24-316

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

Petition from Dalila M. Veiga and Christopher J. Armstrong of 70 Brightwood Avenue and Joann S. Kassabian of 45 Audubon Avenue and Annabelle E. Suero and Matthew R. Rivera of 37 Audubon Avenue, requesting to abandon Falmouth Street.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Lehidry Frias, member of the Juvenile Hearing Board, dated November 4, 2024, informing the Council President that upon completion of her term on December 31, 2024, she will not be requesting to be re-appointed to the Juvenile Hearing Board.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 23 through 25, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers Item 23 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, Refers Item 24 to the Committee on Public Works and Receives Item 25.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I would like to take a moment of personal expression and welcome Brandon Welch to the City Council Office as a Policy Analyst. Thank you for joining us."

**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:

Marino Antonio Flores Paulino, in recognition of your visit to the City of Providence, Rhode Island. Welcome!

Celeste Espinal Urena, in recognition of your visit to the City of Providence, Rhode Island. Welcome!

Marino Zapate, in recognition of your visit to Capital City Providence, Rhode Island and presenting your new Published book "ESPEJO PARA CORRUPTOS".

Florentino Miche, in recognition of being the recipient of the "Food Smart Award" and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Hilda Mendoza, in recognition of being the recipient of the "Food Smart Award" and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Josefina Garcia, in recognition of being the recipient of the “Food Smart Award” and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Quenia Monteiro, in recognition of being the recipient of the “Food Smart Award” and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Carol Rainey, in recognition of being the recipient of the “Food Smart Award” and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Debora Gumpton, in recognition of being the recipient of the “Food Smart Award” and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Guillermine Beriguete, in recognition of being the recipient of the “Food Smart Award” and for your commitment, dedication and support in making this project a success and helping the environment by teaching future generations about food waste!

Barnaby Evans, Executive Artistic Director & Co-CEO and Staff of WaterFire, in recognition of your unwavering support since 2013 in hosting the WaterFire Salute to Veterans event, which has been a collaborative, community-wide celebration with the mission to honor and recognize all United States veterans, active and reserve military personnel, and families for their service, sacrifice, and contributions to this nation, we would like to thank you and the WaterFire staff for celebrating Rhode Island’s veterans and facilitating access to the organizations and services available to them.

Samuel Ogundare, in recognition of your service to the Providence City Council and the citizens of the City of Providence. You will be greatly missed!

Jaquel D. Scott, in recognition of your appointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board.

King’ Jarvis Camilo, in recognition of your appointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board.

Michelle Sato, East Side Wine & Spirits, in recognition of your continued support of the Friends of the Providence Animal Care & Control Center, your fundraising has been key in raising awareness and securing donations for the Providence Animal Shelter’s mission. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of animals in the City of Providence.

Dr. Krystal Savice MD, DO, in recognition of the celebration on your Residency graduation from Mount Auburn Hospital (a Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital). Your commitment and sacrifice have paid off today, we honor you!

Diego Ismael Fernandez Arrascaeta, en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso, y dedicacion a la comunidad. La Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento al guardian de seguridad. Su incansable trabajo y dedicacion han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Trojan Security Force, en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso, y dedicacion a la comunidad. La Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento al guardian de seguridad. Su incansable trabajo y dedicacion han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Thomas Brearley, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Robert Brothers, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Terrence Byrne, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Peter Celani, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Henry Cochrane, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Michael Dillon, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Gordon Duke, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

William Giannini, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Albert Guarnieri, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

William Hart, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Craig Hepburn, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

James Hickey, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Raymond Joyce, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Ronald Kapuscinski, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Wayne McGraw, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Gary Mulcahy, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

John Previte, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

David Scott, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Robert Tavarozzi, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Paul Thomas, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Henry Vieira, in recognition of the celebration the Providence Fire Department's 35th Training School on their 50th Anniversary.

Lisette K. Guzman, en reconocimiento de su segundo año dando lo mejor a nuestra comunidad.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Peterson – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I want to say something. I want to wish everyone here a great Thanksgiving, that will be next week. So, when you're at the table please remember your neighbor, family and lots of people who need something mostly. If you can donate something go around and do something for it. So, I want to wish everyone here a great Thanksgiving. God Bless everyone and let's keep working together. Thank you."

COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I want to say God Bless you all, have a good time with your family. And also, don't forget your community because that community it needs you for Thanksgiving. This is a giving, not asking, but giving to somebody else. So, I give you blessing for my people, for my Ward 7 and also for all the entire community can have a good time. God Bless you. Thank you."

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Johnny Valdez at 6:32 o'clock P.M., to meet again **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 at 4:00 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=fZpMWR74R2c>*

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