

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
MAY 15 2025

APPROVED
Anna L. Mastrosian
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 11 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 1, 2025, 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 HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 2.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, CLAIRE E. GIRARD, CLERK LIAISON, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, ASSISTANT CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO**.

“ Dear Lord, as we rise to honor you on this special day please touch our heart, our mind and soul to keep our thoughts and the people in your prayers. Touch our hearts so we can legislate compassionately, touch our mind to keep our words to mean something to the people that we represent, but also that as we disagree that we are respectful and that we honor you each and every day. Let us be your voice and your action to do good in the City of Providence. Thank you”.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILOR JUSTIN M. ROIAS 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. 9 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held April 16, 2025 and Journal of Proceedings No. 10 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 17, 2025.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places," and Chapter 25, "Water and Sewers," to amend various permit fee amounts.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, "Food and Food Products", and Chapter 14, "Licenses," to amend various permit fee amounts.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Amending Section 15-2, "Penalties for Traffic Violations".

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, "Animals and Fowl".

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances , Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to Change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 341 (22-24 De Soto Street) From R3-MMU.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #2 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Safety Markings, LLC
(Department of Public Works)

\$74,444.00

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 9, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 4 through 7 to the Committee on Finance, Refers item 8 to the Committee on Ordinances and Refers item 9 to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6206, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Beverage Containers Recycling Act and House Bill 2025 H-6207, An Act Relating to Health and Safety.

WHEREAS, Low recycling rates in Providence pose a serious threat to public health and local ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, When recycling is contaminated or neglected, waste, especially plastics, ends up polluting our waterways, greenspaces, and streets, harming wildlife and reducing residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, This issue is particularly urgent given that Providence currently has the lowest recycling rate in the state at just 2.9%, compared to the state average of 18.5%; and

WHEREAS, Providence also experiences high levels of recycling contamination. In FY24 alone, 18,000 tons of contaminated recycling were diverted to the Johnston landfill, costing the City nearly \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, The City's Special Commission for the Study of Providence's Waste Management Services confirmed these findings and issued recommendations to improve recycling outcomes and reduce waste; and

WHEREAS, One such recommendation was to support statewide bottle deposit legislation, as proposed in House Bill 6206; and

WHEREAS, Implementing a bottle return program would significantly increase beverage container recovery by creating an incentive-based recycling system that complements, rather than relies on, curbside collection; and

WHEREAS, States with bottle deposit laws consistently report higher recycling rates, reduced litter, more accessible redemption options at retail locations, and higher-quality recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the commitment of the Rhode Island General Assembly to addressing recycling contamination and plastics pollution in both dedicated legislation and more expansive efforts to address plastics, including extended producer responsibility, in legislation such as House Bill 6207.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, In an effort to replicate these results in Providence, the City Council expresses its support for House Bill 6206 and its Senate companion bill as well as for House Bill 6207 and its Senate companion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representatives Spears and McEntee, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Pro Tempore Hanna Gallo, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN
ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON,
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025
H-5195 and Senate Bill S-0104, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government -
Composting and Organic Waste Diversion.

WHEREAS, The disposal of compostable materials in municipal waste streams wastes vital and enriching and water-retaining organic matter, furthering soil depletion and dehydration; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities in Rhode Island are subject to the lowest tipping fees in New England, discouraging them from pursuing meaningful waste diversion while increasing waste management expenditure; and

WHEREAS, Food rescue and recovery would prevent edible and nourishing food from entering the municipal waste stream while complementing other measures to improve the sustainability and thrift of the materials that will, including an expanded composting program featuring improved source-separation and improved outreach; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5195 and its Senate companion Senate Bill 0104 would create, among other dedicated funding streams, a municipal waste diversion fund supplying grant funding to towns and cities for the development and implementation of measures for food waste prevention, food rescue and recovery, expanded composting, and against illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has established residential composting and would be empowered by this funding to sustain its efforts to combat food waste, to improve compostable material collection, and to expand upon existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The expanded diversion of organic wastes from the Providence municipal solid waste stream would alleviate the burden borne by and cost associated with the desperately strained Central Landfill in Johnston while creating enriching soil amendments that could be accessed by residents, businesses, and the City; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council would like to express its gratitude to the sponsors of this legislation for their leadership on this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council offers its strong support for H-5195 and its Senate companion S-0104 and urges the General Assembly to enact this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to lead sponsors Representative Terri Cortvriend and Senator Bridget Valverde, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Pro Tempore Hanna Gallo, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES,
COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ
AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution of the Providence City Council Recognizing and Congratulating the Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team.

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Head Coach Joe Murray, Assistant Coach Peter Bullock, and Athletic Trainer Matt D'Elia, the Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team won the Rhode Island Interscholastic Division I State Championship as a capstone to a regular season record of 7-1; and

WHEREAS, The Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team showed great poise, character and teamwork throughout the season, leading to the team being awarded the 2025 Paul L. Rossi Memorial Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team helps to foster a sense of pride in our Providence community and is a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and celebrate the coaches and the Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team on their many achievements this season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence wishes to individually congratulate the following student athletes for their hard work and dedication in representing the Classical Purple:

- Amayah Brooks
- Sadie Enright
- Kate Howlett
- Fiona Hughes
- Stella Loucks
- Madeline McGrane
- Anna Nicolas Marquez
- Alexandra O’Sullivan
- Abigail Rymer
- Azure Tabares
- Neko Wienert
- Vivien Wienert

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Classical High School Girls’ Swimming Team, the head and assistant coaches, Classical High School Athletic Director Robert Palazzo, and Classical High School Principal Scott Barr.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 10 through 12 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6206, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Beverage Containers Recycling Act and House Bill 2025 H-6207, An Act Relating to Health and Safety.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5195 and Senate Bill S-0104, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Composting and Organic Waste Diversion.

RESULT: PASSED [12 TO 0]

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 12.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Vargas – 1.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

Resolution of the Providence City Council Recognizing and Congratulating the Classical High School Girls' Swimming Team.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Resolution in Opposition to the Dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education.

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

Resolution in Opposition to the Cuts and Reduction in staff at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 13 and 14, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 13 and 14 to the Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution of the Providence City Council Recognizing the Passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2025, the world lost a global symbol of humility and moral clarity with the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he entered the priesthood with the Jesuit order and rose to become the first pope from the Americas and the first to take the name Francis, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of peace and care for creation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis challenged the powerful to serve the powerless, placing the needs of migrants and the poor at the center of his ministry and urging nations to act with compassion; and

WHEREAS, His visits to prisons and refugee camps reflected his belief that faith without action is hollow, and his deep moral clarity made him a figure of respect across cultures and traditions; and

WHEREAS, In his encyclicals and speeches, Pope Francis reminded the world that dignity is inherent, that the planet demands stewardship, and that forgiveness is always within reach; and

WHEREAS, His legacy lives not only in cathedrals but in households and shelters, and in the quiet choices made by people moved by his example of simplicity and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Here in Providence, Pope Francis held particular meaning for many in our Catholic and Latin American communities, who saw in him a spiritual leader and a reflection of their hopes and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life, leadership, and legacy of His Holiness Pope Francis and joins people around the world in mourning his passing and celebrating his enduring example.

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

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Resolution of the Providence City Council Regarding House Bill 5688 and Senate Bill 963's Impact on Low-Income Housing and Community Stability.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council is committed to policies that prioritize fair taxation and revenue sources, equitable housing, preventing displacement, and supporting the well-being of all residents, particularly low- and moderate-income individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, HB5688 and SB963 are currently under consideration and contains provisions that would have significant consequences on low-income housing, community stability, and revenue collection in Providence; and

WHEREAS, The singular purpose of Section 44-5-13.11 of the Rhode Island General Laws (commonly known as the "8 Law") is, as stated in the section title, to govern the assessment and taxation of qualifying low-income restricted housing by allowing qualifying properties to pay a property tax rate equal to eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income; and

WHEREAS, 8 Law is used broadly in Providence to maintain the availability of deed-restricted low-income housing but has also been misapplied in our city to luxury developments, which secure significant tax breaks without delivering low-income housing, thereby putting a strain on the municipal tax base and the city's ability to collect revenue for the public good; and

WHEREAS, In light of shifting workplace trends and a growing number of vacant commercial properties, the City of Providence needs thoughtfully designed incentives-grounded in rigorous study and fiscal analysis-to support the conversion of office space into residential units, rather than relying on the repurposing of tax treatments intended for low-income housing; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council endorses a revision of Subsection A to allow the application of 8 Law when a minimum of 40% of units in a particular development are restricted to 60% or less of the AMI, or 60% of units are restricted to 80% or less of the AMI; and

WHEREAS, Subsection B applies a state law intended to preserve the availability of low-income housing to commercial property owners intending to convert their property to residential units, without income restrictions on those units, and gives those property owners the right to apply the state's best option to maintain low-income housing towards market-rate units for 30 years, at great strain to the municipality's revenue collection options; and

WHEREAS, Subsection B also poses a risk of displacement to existing tenants, including small business owners and artists, such as those who are members of the Atlantic Mills Tenants Union (AMTU); and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recommends either removing Subsection B of HB5688 and SB963 altogether or holding developers who convert commercial properties to residential units to the same standards as above-i.e., a minimum of 40% of units in a particular development restricted to 60% or less of the AMI, or 60% of units restricted to 80% or less of the AMI-and also ensuring that the section applies only when the building is at least 90% unoccupied; and

WHEREAS, Subsection D would allow existing "8 Law Agreements" to continue, thereby exploiting a loophole in the state law that establishes a tax rate to maintain the availability of low-income housing and instead allows market-rate and luxury developments to benefit at the expense of the municipalities involved; and

WHEREAS, Providence has a history of displacement, and it is the responsibility of city and state leaders to legislate equitable housing and taxation policies, rather than incentivizing luxury developments at the cost of affordability and community stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges state legislators to amend HB5688 and SB963, aligning Subsection A with higher standards and rejecting Subsections B and D, which fail to align with the city's commitment to fair taxation, housing justice, and equitable development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Speaker Shekarchi, Senate President Lawson, Governor McKee, and Mayor Smiley, urging them to support the above-mentioned revisions in order to prioritize housing and taxation policies that genuinely serve the needs of Providence residents and the residents of all cities and towns statewide.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 16, substitute the resolution and amend the header to read “Resolution of the Providence City Council regarding House Bill 5688 and Senate Bill 963’s Impact on Low-Income Housing and Community Stability”, and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED AS AMENDED [9 TO 3]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilor Sanchez and Councilman Vargas – 9.
NAYS:	Councilor Pichardo, Councilwomen Ryan and Vargas – 3.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.
RECUSED:	Councilwoman Anthony – 1.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dorothy Jean “Dottie” McCaffrey.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council mourns the passing of Dorothy Jean “Dottie” McCaffrey, a beloved daughter of Providence whose spirit, service, and song left an indelible imprint on the city she so steadfastly called home; and

WHEREAS, Dottie was a fearlessly candid woman, possessed immense generosity and an unwavering devotion to the well-being and dignity of her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Her signature wardrobe was as vibrant as her personality, and she was known to craft political ballads that were as piercing as they were playful, always springing from a deep reservoir of care for her community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Dottie wore many hats, working as a meter maid, crossing guard, boutique owner, restaurant co-founder, and as the longtime administrative assistant to Fire Chief George Farrell, a role she carried with pride, and, as she often reminded others, authority; and

WHEREAS, Her contributions reached far beyond official roles, she co-founded the Concerned Citizens of Mount Pleasant, championed the preservation of the historic Ryan Post Building, and was instrumental in the creation of Mount Pleasant Memorial Park, ensuring that her presence would be etched into the very landscape she loved; and

WHEREAS, Dottie was always a neighbor in the truest sense, whether offering Caserta pizza or leading a chorus from her legendary basement “Backstreet Pub,” she made all who crossed her path feel nourished and seen; and

WHEREAS, In her later years, even as she contended with mounting health trials, Dottie faced them with dignity, never asking for pity but continuing to give generously of herself in ways both large and small; and

WHEREAS, Her memory lives on not only in the stories passed from neighbor to neighbor, but in every tended garden, every shared song, and in the deep imprint she left on those who needed her most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5) and the entire Providence City Council hereby recognizes and honors the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Dorothy Jean “Dottie” McCaffrey, and extends its heartfelt condolences to all who grieve her passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dottie McCaffrey, with the gratitude and respect of a city made brighter by her life.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

Resolution Authorizing the conveyance of the Parcel located on Assessor's Plat 043, Lot 744 (18 Calhoun Street) to the PRA for the purpose of redevelopment thereof and for economic development and increased tax revenue.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on City Property

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 18 to the Committee on City Property.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

Resolution of the Providence City Council Recognizing the Passing of Senate President Dominick J. Ruggiero.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council mourns the loss of Rhode Island Senate President Dominick “Donny” Ruggiero, who passed away on April 21, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Providence, Donny dedicated over four decades of his life to public service, including many years representing parts of our city in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, A proud union member, Donny carried his labor roots into the Senate chamber, where he championed fair wages, secure pensions, and the dignity of everyday Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, His colleagues knew him as a steady presence and a trusted mentor and his leadership was marked by pragmatism and a deep respect for the institutions he served; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the State House, Donny was a devoted father and grandfather, a lover of Sunday dinners, horse races, and time well spent with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dominick J. Ruggiero leaves behind a permanent mark on the State of Rhode Island and his legacy will remain secured to his place in our state’s history as one of its most enduring and influential public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the life and legacy of Senate President Dominick J. Ruggiero, and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues across the State of Rhode Island, his service and spirit will long be remembered in Providence and beyond.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

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

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Toole Design Group, LLC \$210,366.58
(Department of Planning & Development)

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Change Order #1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Toole Design Group, LLC \$210,366.58
(Department of Planning & Development)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 20, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 24, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Laws Chapter 45-50, Sections 1-31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Justin DeShaw**, of 62 Alumni Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. DeShaw replaces Mr. Kilbridge who was resigned)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 21 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS
COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 73W), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

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

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

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

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, "Housing" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article X - "Prohibition of Algorithmic Rent Setting Devices".

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23 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 Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Americo M. Scungio, Esquire, Scungio and Priolo, 167 Main Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 32 a portion of Lot 38 (268 Carpenter Street), from R-3 to C-2.

Petition from Americo M. Scungio, Esquire, Scungio and Priolo, 167 Main Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 32 a portion of Lot 596 (1155 Westminster Street), from C-2 to R-3.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Dorwest Associates, LLC
(Shannon Gilheeny, Esquire) (25-117)
Nahlah Thomas (25-118)
Allstate North American Insurance Company
a/s/o Richmond Brittingham (25-119)
Giuseppe B. Paliotta (25-120)
Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company
a/s/o Olakunle Oloyede (25-121)
Hamilton Rodriguez (25-122)
Clerkin, Sinclair, & Mahfouz, LLP o/b/o Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance
Company
a/s/o Jason Cleaves (25-123)
Michelle Harkness (25-124)
Edward Joy (25-125)
Thomas George Associates, Ltd. o/b/o Safeco Insurance Company
a/s/o Tristan Glenn (25-126)
Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
a/s/o Jessica Matta (25-127)

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 24 through 26, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 24 and 25 to the Committee on Ordinances and Refers item 26 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“ I just want to take a quick moment. As you’re all aware, we’re in the middle of budget conversations. So, I want to invite everyone here, and that’s listening to two events regarding the budget. The first one is this Saturday, May 3rd at 1:30 P.M., we will be having a primarily Spanish Town Hall at PCTA at 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., we invite the whole community, especially the folks that primarily speak Spanish and then the next Tuesday right here in these chambers, May 6th at 5:30 P.M., we’ll be having the first Public Hearing on the Mayor’s proposed budget. Since the event this Saturday is in Spanish, I’m going to say that in Spanish. Lo que quiero hacer ahorita en este momento es invitar al pueblo para participar en un evento donde vamos a tener una conversación sobre el presupuesto que esta en frente de nosotros. Invitamos a toda la comunidad a este evento, este evento va hacer a la 1:30 P.M. el Sábado en la escuela de PCTA. Thank you, Madame President”.

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

“ I would like to remember the people for Spanish because sometime it is not clear can we not vote for the taxes raised. So, it’s good to go over there and discuss that and go forward because sometime it has a little confused and I would like to make clear. So, go there and have any question we can have the answers. So, quiero decirle a mi gente que por favor no dejen de ir a ese lugar por si tienen alguna pregunta o una duda no se lleven de otras personas si no que vayan y tomen su pregunta porque todavía nosotros no hemos subido esos taxes que están mencionando por esos lugares. Gracias y los esperamos allá desde la 1:30 P.M. hasta las 3:00 P.M. en PCTA. Gracias”.

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:

Hugo Adames, Sr., “El Monseñor de la Salsa”, In recognition of the celebration of your 80th Birthday!

Sean Kohanski, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Scott Taylor, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Francisco Lora, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Jose Grullon, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Anthony DiOrio, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Samual Grullon, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Jesus Torres, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Jorge Rosario Lopez, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Gleudy Reynoso, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Wellington Alcantara Morillo, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Armen Dedeyan, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Justin Case, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Ani Seals, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Tarik Steven Rodrigues, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Queen Bee Events, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Jerome Chilla Jones, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Lillian Cohen, in recognition of the celebration of your 100th Birthday! Your century of wisdom, resilience, and love has touched countless lives. Your dedication to family, community, and service continues to inspire generations. We thank you for your extraordinary legacy. Happy Birthday!

Matthew Taylor, in recognition of the purchase of your first home and celebrating this exciting milestone with your new residence at 123 Lexington Avenue in North Providence. Congratulations!

King Xavier, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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DJ Jay X, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Manami, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Stanely (Hot In R.I), in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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DJ Lady Ruck, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Mr. Orange, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Ana Poala Songs, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Ivan Brooks, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Brooxana, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Anthony Smith, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Rey Royal, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Luminous Views, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Shaun Martins - Torres, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Dereck Boyd, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Darell Douglas, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Vega Montanez, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Shiesty L, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Mz Marroz, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Ellis Penn, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Laqueena Bennet, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Tru L Mattapans Golden Boy, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Tye Cooper, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

TJ Soares, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Chitho, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Remi Swen, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Contessa Brown, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Amanda Shea, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Babalu Aye, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Dale Cover, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Dutches SS, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Punky the Singer, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Thomas Dyer, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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Wonyae, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Boss Lady, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Veana Marie, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Gwap Star Klass, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Victor Baez, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

No Longer Trapped, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

The Fall River Experience, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Lacar Rogers, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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James Montiero, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Party with Rami, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Yaya Gabbana, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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DJ Def Stef The Queen, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

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DJ Chubby Chub, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Ching America, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

DJ Franchise, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

DJ Nyce Hitz, in recognition of proudly recognizing you as a Remi TV Hidden Gem. Your unwavering dedication, meaningful impact, and quiet brilliance uplift our community. Though your work may often go unsung, your influence inspires us all. We honor and thank you for being Providence's true hidden gem.

Ishmael Odugbela, in recognition of your outstanding leadership, perseverance and commitment to your team all season long. You led with your heart and inspired your teammate both on and off the court. Commending you for your remarkable contributions to Kennedy Rec basketball.

Douglas McCormack, in recognition of your work with the Providence City Council and the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council, the City of Providence officially thanks you for your service and wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Douglas McCormack, in recognition of your work with the Providence City Council and Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council, the City of Providence officially recognizes your contributions to advancing discussions regarding Community Violence Intervention and gun violence across the city. In your time with the Providence City Council, you've displayed your compassion and commitment to making governmental systems work better for the constituents we serve. I thank you for your service and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Barbara Sokoloff, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Leaders Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

Clark Schoettle, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Leaders Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

Chepachet Village Revitalization Plan, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Plan Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

newportFILM, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Projects Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

Residences at Riverside Square, East Providence, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Projects Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

United Theatre, Westerly, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Projects Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

Walker Farm Resilience and Revitalization Project, Barrington, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Smart Growth Projects Award at the Grow Smart RI's 2025 Smart Growth Awards Ceremony.

Mackenzie Fitzgerald, in recognition of your dedication and performance during your tenure as an intern in the Constituent Services Department in the spring of 2025. You have demonstrated a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to supporting our initiatives, contributing positively to the department's efforts and the community. You are proudly recognized by the Providence City Council.

Andrea Y Ávila García, Johnson & Wales University, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Johnson & Wales University with a degree in Medical Sciences, a vital branch needed in this world. Congratulations! Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas. / En reconocimiento de la celebración de su graduación de la Universidad Johnson & Wales con un título en Ciencias Médicas, una rama de ciencia muy importante en nuestras vidas. ¡Felicidades! Sinceramente, concejal Oscar O. Vargas.

Juan Sandoval Y Familia, Mi Campo LLC, in recognition of the grand opening of your new business, Mi Campo. A microbusiness helping our community grow and become a better community. Best of Wishes! Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas. / En reconocimiento de la celebración de la gran apertura de Mi Campo. Su negocio hace una diferencia en nuestro vecindario. ¡El mejor deseo en su éxito! Sinceramente, Concejal Oscar O. Vargas.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

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:

Raymond Bergeron

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Steven Williams and Nicanor A. Espinal at 7:24 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025** at **6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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