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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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Jim L. Mastrosimone
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

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No. 18 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 5:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RACHEL M. MILLER**

CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS,
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, ,
COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR,
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 10.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR
PICHARDO AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN – 5.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO,
FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, SECOND DEPUTY CITY
CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND MICHAEL CALISE,
DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR.**

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON JOINS THE MEETING)

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN OSCAR O. VARGAS**.

“Thank you very much Madam President. God, please Bless everyone here today. Enjoy our blessings by giving it to everyone. God protects every colleague in their vacation time. Also, give us a vision to keep working for the community and our city. Amen”.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER

Request filed with the City Clerk July 25, 2025, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be called on the 29th day of July, 2025 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to Napoleon Askie, City Sergeant, with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be called for the 29th day of July, 2025 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

RESULT: RECEIVED

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 1 and 2, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 1 and 2.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council July 24, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2024-1, No. 1, Approved January 12, 2024 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Approving the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence desires to regularly undertake the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement and improvement of infrastructure in the City's neighborhoods, including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, public parks, recreation facilities, bridges, sewers, and City buildings in the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Providence Home Rule Charter, Article VIII, Section 812, at the same time that the mayor submits the operating budget to the city council, the mayor based upon estimates and recommendations of the city plan commission as provided for in Article X, section 1013, shall prepare and submit to the city council a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year and the next four (4) fiscal years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The capital budget will be referred to as the Capital Improvement Plan with the purpose of facilitating and coordinating future capital improvements within the City's current and future financial framework; and

WHEREAS, Said Capital Improvement Plan shall embody the mayor's estimates of cost and recommendations of means of financing each project contained therein, provided that no project shall be included in said budget which has not been favorably considered by the city council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. The City of Providence through the City Council will consider the recommendations of the City Plan Commission as provided for in Article X, section 1013, through the draft Capital Improvement Plan submitted on April 16, 2025, and

In acting on the Capital Improvement Plan, the City Council has worked with the Administration to modify the projects described therein and the proposed methods of financing the same, including but not limited to, traditional bond issuance.

The City Council shall recommend funding mechanisms for the Capital Improvement Plan to facilitate planned improvements to Providence’s public infrastructure.

Attached is the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, which shall be incorporated into this Ordinance.

The first year of this Capital Improvement Plan represents projects earmarked for Fiscal Year 2026 and may be funded through bonds issuance by the Providence Public Buildings Authority as well as braided with other of means of funding sources.

Owner’s Project Manager, Construction Management, and Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 projected funding was determined at 4% of projected borrowing for all projects. This amount was then allocated among each CIP department (Public Works, Public Property, Parks, & Planning Departments) by the percentage of total project value that the department is responsible for in Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030.

Arts, Culture, & Tourism projects, in which project funding is determined by a 1% allocation of projected borrowing, is allocated 1% of Owner’s Project Manager, Construction Manager, and Professional Services funds for Fiscal Year 2025 through Fiscal Year 2030.

This Ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City of Providence toward capital improvements in the City.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilors Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilor Pichardo and Councilwoman Ryan – 4.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn at 5:05 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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