

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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APPROVED: *Tina L. Mastromarino* CLERK

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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**No. 27 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 2022
Upon The Rise 5:00 o'clock P.M. Public Hearing**

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 9.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILORS MILLER, SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 6.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ACTING CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE E. GIRARD, CLERK LIAISON, HUASCAR BEATO, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JAMES E. TAYLOR**.

"Dear Lord, I pray that you guide us always, satisfy the needs that need to be met during this meeting, strengthen us as we make tough decisions. I pray that we will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose flowers never fail. I pray that we will be fruitful. Father, please guide us so that this meeting can be productive. Let us be effective and decisive. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS 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 JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

Request filed with the Acting City Clerk July 26, 2022, Requesting a Special Meeting to be called on the 28th day of July, 2022 Upon The Rise of the 5:00 o'clock Public Hearing, in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the Acting City Clerk to Huascar D. Beato, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting called for the 28th day of July, 2022 Upon the Rise of the 5:00 o'clock Public Hearing, in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Warrant.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Resolution forwarding Ballot Questions to the Secretary of State for placement on the November Ballot.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Amend Ballot Question 2 to clarify that the vote of a simple majority would apply to the hiring of all consultants without an exception for the hiring of legal consultants, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Amend Ballot Question 4 to reduce the amounts from \$15,000.00 and \$35,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for regular purchasing and \$20,000.00 for construction contracting, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Amend Ballot Question 7 to require that the Mayoral Appointees be limited to one appointment from each of the five equal electoral regions, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to add Ballot Question 9 to read as follows: Shall the City Treasurer be provided direct access to records of all receipts, appropriations, and allotments of the City, and be required to ensure compliance with the City Charter and Code of Ordinances prior to issuing any payments, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to add Ballot Question 10 to read as follows: Shall the Composition of the City Plan Commission be amended to add an additional representative from the general citizenry of the City of Providence, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

Shall the Composition of the City Plan Commission be amended to add an additional representative from the general citizenry of the City of Providence.

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 4]
MOVER: Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Igliazzi, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 5.
NAYES: Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Taylor – 4.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilors Miller, Salvatore and Councilman Vargas – 6.

Resolution forwarding Ballot Questions to the Secretary of State for placement on the November Ballot. (with all voted upon amendments)

RESULT: APPROVED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Taylor
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Taylor – 9.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilors Miller, Salvatore and Councilman Vargas – 6.

The Motion for Passage, As Amended, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to enter the City Treasurer's statement into the record as Exhibit G, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI

Resolution Memorializing the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing the City of Providence, with approval of qualified electors, to issue not to exceed

\$125,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other Evidences of Indebtedness to Finance the Construction, Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Landscaping, Furnishing and Equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the City, subject to approval of State Housing Aid at a reimbursement rate or State Share Ratio of not less than 75% at the time of issuance and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by the amount of certain grants received from state bond proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Continue to the next City Council Meeting, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT: CONTINUED

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Clarence E. "Clay" Brown, Jr., Luz E. Nielsen and Brenda Lee Rezendes at 5:50 o'clock P.M., to meet again
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.



**TINA L. MASTROIANNI
ACTING CITY CLERK**