

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 13 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2016, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

LUIS A. APONTE

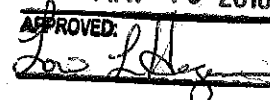
CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, JENNINGS, PRINCIPE,
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, YURDIN AND ZURIER
- 13**

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN MATOS AND COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI – 2.

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS JOINS THE MEETING)

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO,
SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ASSISTANT CLERK
AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

**IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19 2016**
APPROVED:  **CLERK**

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS**.

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for tonight. We thank You for the opportunity to serve this City of Providence. We ask You Lord that you help us make great decisions in the things that we have to move forward. We ask that You protect our constituents, our families and all of the members of City Council and City officials. We thank You in the name of Jesus. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN BRYAN PRINCIPE Lead 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. 10 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 21, 2016, Journal of Proceedings No. 11 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held April 27, 2016 and Journal of Proceedings No. 12 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held April 29, 2016, are approved, as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Jackson
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Matos and Councilman Narducci – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 19, 2016, 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 Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, and Executive Order 2016-1, he is this day appointing **Michelle Walker** of 153 Peace Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, to the **Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire on March 30, 2020.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Moves to Receive the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 22, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Mr. Neville Songwe** of 1 Chestnut Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Songwe will replace Ivette C. Luna, who recently moved out of the City of Providence.)

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(F) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request)

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of Contract Extension Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances.

Info/Lawson Software \$750,000.00 over a three year period
(Information Technology)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$80,000.00 to construct walking paths at the Alvarez High School/Textron site in the City of Providence

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$100,000.00 to complete the Joslin Park water park in the City of Providence

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Communication, Ordinances and Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$4,000.00 to construct a bike skills park and trails at the Lincoln Lace & Braid property in the City of Providence

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Amend the Resolution by striking "\$4,000.00" and inserting "\$400,000.00", Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves Passage of the Amendment, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

Resolution Establishing the Special Commission to Study Housing.

WHEREAS, The quality and affordability of housing has an incredible impact on the health, growth, and prosperity of our city; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 and 2015, the United Way's 2-1-1 service received nearly 16,000 foreclosure prevention calls from Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, From 2009 through December 2015, nearly 13,000 residential foreclosures deeds were filed in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the 2nd highest percentage of seriously delinquent loans in New England and the 6th highest percentage in the nation; and

WHEREAS, According to HousingWorksRI's 2015 Fact Book, Rhode Island has one of the nation's oldest housing stocks and nearly 16% of Rhode Island's mortgages have negative equity; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Housing Survey, Rhode Island's renter-occupied properties are twice as likely to have moderate or severe physical problems than owner-occupied properties; and

WHEREAS, The impact of housing disparities and the burden of housing costs affect different sectors of the population in different ways, for example, in 2013, HousingWorksRI reported that the home-ownership rate amongst Rhode Island's Latino population was just 26%, compared to 64% for non-Latino Rhode Islanders, and 45% for Latino's nationwide; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, it was estimated that a household earning the state's median household income of \$55,902 would only be able to afford a median priced single-family home in six of Rhode Island's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, According to HousingWorksRI, 46% of home-owners and 57% of renters in Providence are considered cost burdened by housing; and

WHEREAS, The National Housing Conference reported that, in 2014, nearly one quarter of renters in the Providence metro area spent at least half of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, HousingWorksRI estimated that affordable housing for renters could free up nearly \$400 million, strengthening the local economy and expanding the tax base; and

WHEREAS, Creating a special commission of experts and stakeholders to research and make recommendations on the issues affecting housing in Providence will help ensure that a comprehensive approach is taken, all voices are heard, and effective measures are developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby establish the Special Commission to Study Housing in order to study issues affecting the quality of Providence's housing stock and the affordability of housing in Providence, and the impact housing has on both the local economy and quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special Commission to Study Housing shall consist the chair of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning; the Director of the Planning Department or her designee; the Director of Rhode Island Legal Services or his designee; the Director of Housing and Community Development for the State of Rhode Island or his designee; one (1) representative from a community development corporation appointed by the City Council; three (3) representatives from community-based organizations involved in housing advocacy appointed by the City Council; and one (1) public housing resident appointed by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, as part of its review, the Special Commission to Study Housing will hold no fewer than nine (9) public meetings and, within two hundred and seventy (270) days, shall present the City Council with a report detailing its findings and recommendations, including any legislative changes, regulatory policies, and enforcement measures warranted by their findings.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Jackson
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Councilwoman Matos, Councilman Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer Examine Parking Sight Lines at 71
Bridgham Street

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly Include Authorization for a \$35 million
Green Economy Bond Referendum at the November 2016 General Election in the Fiscal
Year 2017 Budget.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN YURDIN AND ZURIER

Resolution Establishing Food Truck Night at City Hall.

WHEREAS, Having vibrant attractions and amenities in downtown Providence is beneficial to the economic development and quality of life in our city; and

WHEREAS, “Food truck nights” in which groups of food trucks gather at one location on a set schedule have proven to be effective means of drawing patrons, tourists, and other visitors to many cities around the country, including; and

WHEREAS, Providence is known throughout the country and the region for its great restaurants and fine dining, but is not as well known for its growing food truck scene; and

WHEREAS, The success of past events, such as the Food Truck Market at Kennedy Plaza and Food Truck Friday at Roger Williams Park, proves the viability of future events featuring food trucks; and

WHEREAS, Holding a monthly Food Truck Night at Providence’s City Hall during the summer months would increase the vibrancy of Providence’s downtown, would showcase the many wonderful local food truck businesses, and would bolster Providence’s reputation as a great destination to live, work and visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby establish Food Truck Night at City Hall, to be held once per month from June to October of each calendar year.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Jackson
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglioizzi, Jackson, Jennings, Councilwoman Matos, Councilman Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally
Approved:**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places," to add
Section 37, "No Smoking in the Public Way."

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Refer the Ordinance Back to the Committee on
Ordinances, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	REFERRED BACK
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally
Approved:**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Month-To-Month Contract Award by
the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of
Ordinances.

D'Amico Consulting	\$6,000.00
(Law Department)	

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Refer the Resolution Back to the Committee on
Finance, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	REFERRED BACK
TO:	Committee on Finance

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Ellen Rooney and Khachig Tololyan
Nathaniel Parker VanValkenburgh
Gino N. Federici
Laura M. Sullivan
Eleanor Panzino
(Peter M. Iascone, Esquire)
Christiana Guglietta
Stephanie Dorak
Janet E. Noke
Alex Speredelozzi
Kieron Roberson

(John A. McQueeney, Esquire)
Stacey A. Coelho
Stefani Barnes
Andrew Rogers
Brock Peek
Commerce Insurance
a/s/o Keith Macwhorter
LuAnn Hall
(Michael J. Mulcahy, Esquire)
Spencer Moore

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Executive Order 2016-3, submitted by His Honor the Mayor, dated April 22, 2016,
Entitled: "Commitment to Eliminating City-Wide Carbon Emissions and Preparing for
the Long Term Impacts of Climate Change."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Executive Order.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from Lisa Ranglin, Chairwoman, dated April 26, 2016, submitting her resignation as a member of the Commission on Minority and Women Business Development.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from Jeffrey Dana, City Solicitor, dated April 28, 2016, submitting the annual report on civil suits and legal proceedings pursuant to Section 2-98 of the Code of Ordinances.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE 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:

Aleena Dhital, Hope High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Isis Hack, Hope High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Scarlin Marine, Central High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Pa Yang, Central High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Tatiana Torres, Classical High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Governor's Award.

Emilia Alvarez, Classical High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Dionis Moisés Eugenio Torres, Mt. Pleasant High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Mayor's Award.

Hermela Kahsay, Mt Pleasant High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Cheridania Pena Alejo, E3 Academy High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Almar Iheduru, E3 Academy High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Cassandra Greco, Juanita Sanchez High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Perla C. Castillo Calderon, Juanita Sanchez High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Orlando Diaz, Academy for Career Exploration, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Alice Alvarez, Providence Career and Technology Academy, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Amanda Rotimi, Times II High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Liliana Ramos, Jorge Alvarez High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Andreysi Ortiz Estevez, Jorge Alvarez High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Maria Woel, Paul Cuffee High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Viriato Nunes, Global Learning Center, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Urban League of Rhode Island, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

Laotian Community of RI, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

Quisqueya In Action, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

City Year of RI, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

Latino Dollars, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

Raynier Portes Busten, Alternative Learning Plan Youth Build, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Dr. Gene K. Burns Award.

Amber Guzman, RI Nursing Middle College, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

The Guatemalan Center of NE, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship.

Jesus Nunez, Village Green High School, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2016 Sodexo Scholarship for Seniors from Providence Schools for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Solomon A. Solomon, in recognition of his generous contributions establishing an educational endowment fund benefiting the college bound boys and girls of the Providence Boys and Girls Club.

Nicholas and Amanda Hemond, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Noah, born on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON,
Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Jackson
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Councilwoman Matos, Councilman Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE 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:

Rachele DiGregorio

Leonel "Leo" Carvalho

Raymond Peter Isabella, Sr.

Raymond H. DeStefanis

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of
COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Jackson
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Councilwoman Matos, Councilman Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yuridin and Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MATTER NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the introduction of the following Matter not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

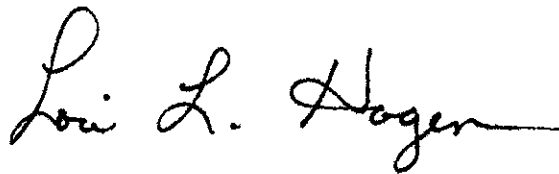
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 17, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "Retirement System" regarding pension matters related to all members of the Retirement System.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:16 o'clock P.M., in memory of Evangelista Jimenez and Thomas N. Goodwin, to meet again to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lori L. Hagen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lori" and last name "Hagen" clearly legible, and the middle initial "L." in between.

LORI L. HAGEN
CITY CLERK