

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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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 26 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, September 16, 2021, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILORS KERWIN, MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE – 2.

ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, JENNIFER EMIDY, ASSISTANT CLERK, MARSHA COTUGNO, ASSISTANT CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE JOINS THE MEETING.)

INVOCATION

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

"Heavenly Father, I ask for Your blessings on tonight's meeting. Have mercy on each and every one of us in Rhode Island and throughout this troubled world. Father, in all things we give thanks. Amen."

LEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILOR KATHERINE A. KERWIN Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI

An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 2021-26, No. 342, Approved July 16, 2021 Of The Ordinances Of The City Of Providence, Making An Appropriation Of Five Hundred Ten Million, Nine Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars And No Cents (\$510,917,760.00) For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing A Compensation Plan For The City Of Providence And Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2021-27, No. 343, Approved July 16, 2021, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing The Classes Of Positions, The Maximum Number Of Employees, And The Number Of Employees In Certain Classes In The City Departments And Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2021-28, No. 344, Approved July 16, 2021, As Amended.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 3 through 5, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI,
COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL,
GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILORS KERWIN,
MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILOR SALVATORE,
COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS**

Resolution of the City Council Congratulating Senator Maryellen Goodwin on being named the 2021 Providence St. Patrick's Day Honorary Grand Marshall.

WHEREAS, State Senator Maryellen Goodwin has been named the Honorary Grand Marshall for the 2021 Providence Saint Patrick's Day Parade which will be celebrated on September 18th this year as it was postponed from the spring due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Senator Goodwin has been representing the 1st Senate District since 1987 and has been a tireless advocate for the residents of Smith Hill and the people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Senator Goodwin serves as the Chairwoman of the Providence Democratic City Committee and has served on numerous boards over the years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Goodwin has championed numerous significant legislative initiatives including protecting children and seniors, paid sick leave, domestic violence prevention, public safety, and education; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the state legislature, Senator Goodwin has also served the people of Providence through her many years as an employee of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Senator Maryellen Goodwin is an outstanding member of the Providence community and a deserving recipient of the designation as Honorary Grand Marshall for the 2021 Providence Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its sincere congratulations to Senator Maryellen Goodwin on her nomination as the Honorary Grand Marshall of the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and State Senator Maryellen Goodwin.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Read item 6 into the record and Moves Passage of the Resolution, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Iglizzi, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilors Kerwin, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia and Councilwoman LaFortune – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, LAFORTUNE, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE

Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Rhode Island Department Of Transportation for the Purposes of Roadway and Sidewalk Safety Improvements on Mount Pleasant Avenue and North Main Street.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize the Mayor of the City of Providence to enter into a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for the purposes of roadway and sidewalk safety improvements on Mount Pleasant Avenue and North Main Street.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Replacement of all Faded or Damaged Stop Signs and Street Signs Throughout Ward 10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works replace all faded, damaged, or missing Stop Signs and Street Signs throughout Ward 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Removal of Unauthorized Signage Throughout Ward 10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works remove all unauthorized signs and fliers from all trees, utility poles, and other surfaces throughout Ward 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Repainting of all Crosswalks Throughout Ward 10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works repaint all faded crosswalks throughout Ward 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Installation of Traffic Calming Measures Throughout Ward 10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer install speedbumps along the following streets: Montgomery Avenue, Washington Avenue, Byfield Street, Pavilion Avenue, Gallup Street, Colfax Street, Gordon Avenue, Lillian Avenue, Sayles Street, Ocean Street, and Burnside Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Traffic Engineer.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 7 through 11 and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Rhode Island Department Of Transportation for the Purposes of Roadway and Sidewalk Safety Improvements on Mount Pleasant Avenue and North Main Street.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilman Taylor

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilors Kerwin, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.

ABSENT: Councilman Correia and Councilwoman LaFortune – 2.

RECUSED: Council President Igliazzi – 1.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Replacement of all Faded or Damaged Stop Signs and Street Signs Throughout Ward 10.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Removal of Unauthorized Signage Throughout Ward 10.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Repainting of all Crosswalks Throughout Ward 10.

Resolution of the City Council Requesting the Installation of Traffic Calming Measures Throughout Ward 10.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilman Taylor

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Igliazzi, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilors Kerwin, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.

ABSENT: Councilman Correia and Councilwoman LaFortune – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"This week I got blast all over social media and in other areas because people didn't know the facts of what was going on, on Branch Avenue. First of all, let it be known that as a City Councilman for the last fifteen years I have fought timelessly for the support of the Homeless Programs that we have with all different kinds of organizations including making sure that they got funding from CDBG funds and our regular budget. I find it odd that even a colleague would speak out against what happened not knowing the facts and the fact was that I have constituents of mine that are taxpayers that live in my neighborhood that drive under 146 every single day. I've gotten numerous complaints about the trash all over the street, all over the sidewalks. So, I arranged a clean-up with the Providence Police Department and DPW. The reason why the Providence Police, first of all, was because Branch Avenue is crazy traffic wise, they were there for traffic control for the DPW employees safety. The DPW cleaned up all the litter and trash along the sidewalk and on the curbing on Branch Avenue on both sides. Never, never was anybody asked to leave their home, never was anybody arrested that day. So, I want to clear the air because again social media, I am not involved with that, I am not involved with Facebook and you know why, because there is too much BS that goes on with that stuff. Know the facts when you want to talk about what's going on. Nobody cares more about this City of Providence than I do, okay. I am not a rich, white privileged person like some people want to call me. I am from a family of nine. My mom and dad, God bless them, they struggled to make sure we always had. There were times where we ate eggs for supper because we didn't know if the heat was going to get paid or we were going to eat, but my mother and father did it. So, those people that think I am the white privileged guy come and see me, call me or come and talk to me okay. I am in a position now in my life where I live paycheck to paycheck myself and you know what, I'm pretty gosh darn proud of that because I raised two great kids in the City of Providence okay. I've got two beautiful grandkids and my son and my daughter had to listen to some of the stuff that was put out there and anybody that did that should be ashamed of themselves. And as a sitting Councilperson I have never in fifteen years attacked one of my colleagues, never. If I've had issues with anyone of my colleagues, and John you know you have been there and Councilman Salvatore, I have always done it one on one, never in the media. So, again let the record show that nobody was arrested, that nobody was asked to leave the encampment. If you go by there tonight, take a ride by, unfortunately, yes they are still there. People have been talking including our state reps and that want to make comments and senators. My question to them is, what have you guys done for the homeless situation besides talk about it. One thousand people are on a waiting list for housing, a thousand people, and that's what we know of, that's on the list that we know of. I had a conversation today, do you people realize that in Providence alone I got three, three homeless encampments in my neighborhood. If you go behind the high rise on Charles Street where the DaVinci Center is, its' sad and it hurts me to even see it because you know what, this country is going the wrong way. There should be no homeless people. We have, and I've been saying it again with this administration for the last six years, we have buildings in the city and I think we might have one in just about everyone of our neighborhoods including Windmill Street School, okay. That's abandoned city property. We have all this COVID money, we got a fund that we put in for the homeless, what are we doing? You know Windmill Street School, if you took and you made one bedroom apartments, one bedroom, do you know how many people you could house at Windmill Street School? The State of Rhode Island, shame on some of the senators and reps too, because the State of Rhode Island has numerous vacant buildings that they could be doing the same thing with. I just want to clear the air because again what my family went through with some of the comments that were made is a shame. Next time anybody has a comment to make to Nick Narducci don't go on social media come to 20 Dorothy Avenue and talk to Nick Narducci. Thank you Mr. President."

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Juan Otero
 (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)
Diane E. Lambert
Vincenzo Ross
Juan A. Vargas
 (Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)
Dylan M. Mello
GEICO
 a/s/o Diakabana Ngwanya
 (Lynda L. Laing, Esquire)
Douglas, Knight & Associates, Inc.
 a/s/o The Horace Mann Companies
Nathan Young
Amica Auto Home Life
 a/s/o Parys Fortini
Richard and Lori Fernandes
David Marshall
Norely Santos and Alaia Vargas
 (Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Soraida B. Morales in recognition of the celebration of your Quinceañera on September 4, 2021.
Gladys Olagbege-Fakunle in recognition of the celebration of her retirement at the PPSD
Educator Appreciation Reception.

Arlene Kibarian in recognition of the celebration of her retirement at the PPSD Educator
Appreciation Reception.

J. Rafael Martinez, Eligibility Technician President-Local 2882, in recognition of being honored
at the Mabel Martinez Foundation Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Surina Morales, Secretary, in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez Foundation
Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Frankie Fernandez, Music Artist, in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez
Foundation Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Doctor Manuel R. Cedanom Music Artist, in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez
Foundation Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Ramon A. Santos, Radio Personality, in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez
Foundation Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Randy Morales, Stylist, in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez Foundation
Grand Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Jose Mauricio Ceballos in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez Foundation Grand
Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Verenice Aristy in recognition of being honored at the Mabel Martinez Foundation Grand
Opening Ceremony Dinner on September 10, 2021.

Sammi Tulungen in recognition of being named Providence Community Library's 2021 Staff Person of the Year.

Robert Medeiros in recognition of being named Providence Community Library's 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

Maureen Daw in recognition of being named Providence Community Library's 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

Rochelle Lee in recognition of being named Providence Community Library's 2021 Board Member of the Year.

Thomas Rattigan, Department of Public Works, in recognition of his retirement for over 20 years of service to the City of Providence.

John Vitucci, Department of Public Works, in recognition of his retirement after 24 years of service to the City of Providence.

Marco Verzellesi, Italian Teacher, in recognition of the inauguration ceremony of the Nathan Bishop Middle School Italian Program.

Inaugural Italian Class, in recognition of the inauguration ceremony of the Nathan Bishop Middle School Italian Program.

Italian Consulate of Boston, Consul Federica Sereni, in recognition of the inauguration ceremony of the Nathan Bishop Middle School Italian Program.

Barbara Cottam in recognition of being named 2021 Deputy Grand Marshal of the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Dr. Paul F. O'Malley in recognition of being named 2021 Community Honoree of the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

St Patrick's Day Parade Committee in recognition of your hard work and dedication organizing another successful parade.

Senator Maryellen Goodwin in recognition of being named Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2021 Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Michael Dillon in recognition of being named Grand Marshal of the 2021 Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN TAYLOR,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Igliozi, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Walter E. Snead, Jr.

The Honorable Patricia Nolan

Frederick. A. Owen

Francis Sweet

Robert R. Nocera, Esq.

Barbara C. Gregory

Dorothy Asprinio

Charles F. Pollock

Louis DiManni

Blanche A. Poyer

Catherine Signore

Antonetta Albanese
Maria M. Guerra
Beverly Jean Mattera
Frank Longo
Nilda L. Cruz
City Sergeant David Tassoni
Robert O'Neill Ryan
Helen M. Cain

Severally Read and Collectively Passed on a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Igliozi, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn memory of Harvey Baker, Benjamin W. Little, Sr., Nilda Cruise, Rose Solomon and also in memory of the religious holiday Yom Kippur at 6:15 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

