

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.



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 12 City Council Special Meeting, Friday, May 15, 2026, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILORS ANDERBOIS, DAVIDSON, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ – 10.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 5.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR.

INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ Moves to Waive the Invocation, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO 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 May 12, 2026, Requesting a Special Meeting of the
City Council to be called on the 15th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 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 called for
the 15th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third
Floor, City Hall.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ Moves to Waive the Reading of items 1 and 2, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 1 and 2.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PICHARDO IN CHAIR

VETO FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Consideration of Mayor Brett P. Smiley’s **VETO** of the Ordinance Entitled: “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 “Housing”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, to add the next Appropriate Article, “The Providence Rent Stabilization Act”.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ moves to Override the Mayor's Veto, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	MAYOR'S VETO SUSTAINED [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Councilor Sanchez
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilors AnderBois, Davidson, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 9
NAYS:	Councilwoman Ryan – 1
ABSENT:	Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 5.

The motion to Override the Mayor's Veto failed and the Veto is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER IN THE CHAIR

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMOR SANCHEZ**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS** it is voted to adjourn the meeting in memory of Janice Luongo at 6:50 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**
at 6:00 o'clock P.M.



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfori_gkmDg&t=3234s*

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