# 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.



### DOCKET OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

#### **OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

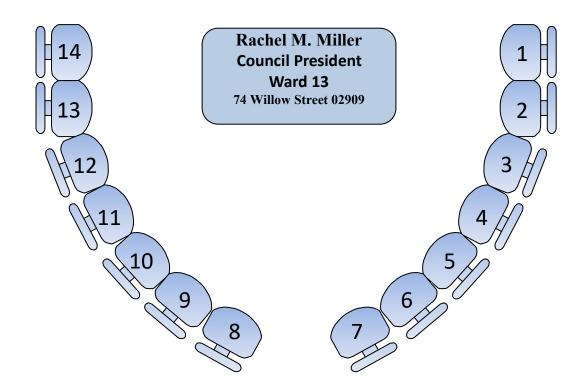
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#### *THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023*

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER

#### PRESIDING

# ALL MATTERS ON THE DOCKET ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE OR OTHER ACTION.



- 1. Juan M. Pichardo Council President Pro Tempore Councilor Ward 9 229 Atlantic Avenue 02907
- 2. Sue R. AnderBois Councilor Ward 3 166 5th Street 02906
- 3. Justin M. Roias Councilor Ward 4 95 Langdon Street 02904
- 4. James E. Taylor Majority Leader Councilman Ward 8 6 Thurston Street 02907
- 5. Miguel A. Sanchez Majority Whip Councilor Ward 6 162 Rushmore Avenue 02909
- 6. John Goncalves Senior Deputy Majority Leader Councilman Ward 1 385 Ives Street 02906
- Jo-Ann Ryan Councilwoman Ward 5
  590 Pleasant Valley Parkway 02908

- 8. Shelley T. Peterson Councilwoman Ward 14 49 Erie Street 02908
- 9. Ana S. Vargas Councilwoman Ward 7 17 Ida Street 02909
- 10. Althea A. Graves Councilwoman Ward 12 107 Wayne Street 02908
- 11. Helen D. Anthony Councilwoman Ward 2 654 Angell Street 02906
- 12. Pedro J. Espinal Councilman Ward 10 179 Massachusetts Avenue 02905
- 13. Mary Kay Harris Deputy Majority Leader Councilwoman Ward 11 304 Pearl Street 02907
- 14. Oscar O. Vargas Councilman Ward 15 150 Dora Street 02909

# **INVOCATION**

1. The Invocation will be given by Councilor Juan M. Pichardo.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America Led by Councilor Justin M. Roias.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. Journal of Proceedings No. 9 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 20, 2023 and Journal of Proceedings No. 10 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held April 25, 2023.

### **APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

4. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 17, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1008 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 James C. Moore, III of 23 Canonchet Trail, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921 as Acting Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards.

- 5. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 17, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1008 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 James C. Moore, III of 23 Canonchet Trail, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921 as Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
- 6. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 28, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 813(a) 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 Sara Silveria of 143 Middle Highway, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806 as Finance Director and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
- 7. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 28, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Ordinance 2017-4, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing Stephany R. Lopes of 144 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island 02914, as License Administrator/Registrar of Vital Statistics, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

# **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

8. Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated April 28, 2023, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of Lance Cardillo as Acting City Treasurer, effective Monday, May 8, 2023. 9. Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated April 28, 2023, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Noel Sanchez** of 97 Niagara Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907 as her designee to the **City Plan Commission**.

# **ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING**

The Following Ordinances were in City Council April 20, 2023, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

- 10. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 650 (180 George M. Cohan Boulevard), from R-2 to W-2.
- 11. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 26, Lot 26 (115 Harris Avenue), from M-1 Light Industrial to M-MU-90- Mixed-Use Industrial.
- 12. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 25, Lot 464 (322 Washington Street) (the "Property") in the Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District (the "TOD").

- 13. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 77, Lot 852 (106 Argol Street), from R-1 to R-2.
- 14. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 45, Lot 892 (112 Bogman Street), from R-3 Residential District to R-P Residential Professional District.

### PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

#### 15. COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Section 15-11, "Residential Parking/Standing of Certain Commercial Vehicles".

### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### 16. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(1).

Bentley Builders, Inc. (Parks Department)

\$1,452,849.00

17. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(1).

Torrado Architects (Public Property) \$2,859,000.00

18. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(2).

Pranzi Catering (Department of Public Works) \$2,222.50

#### 19. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution Recognizing the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week from April 30, 2023 to May 6, 2023.

### 20. COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into Environmental Land Use Restrictions for the property located at 56 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 770), 58 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 769), 62 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 768), and 66 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 767), as a result of environmental remediation efforts conducted at the above described properties. 21. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into Environmental Land Use Restrictions for the property located at 61 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 780), 57 Baxter Street (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 781), 5 Norwich Avenue (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 782), and 9 Norwich Avenue (Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 783), as a result of environmental remediation efforts conducted at the above described properties.

#### 22. COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution Requesting the City Council to support Sojourner House and the expansion of its services in the City of Providence and the effort to exempt the real and tangible personal property taxes of the organization under Rhode Island General Law § 44-3-3.

# 23. COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer and Parking Enforcement either disable the parking meters or abstain from collecting payment in the spaces surrounding the Rhode Island State House anytime the General Assembly is in session.

# 24. COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Recognizing the Month of May each year as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

## 25. COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND VARGAS

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an easement with The Narragansett Electric Company doing business as Rhode Island Energy, over, under, and across a portion of City-Owned land at 254 Eastwood Street (Assessor's Plat 107, Lot 111).

#### 26. COUNCILMEN VARGAS AND GONCALVES

Resolution Recognizing Mark Jeffrey and SODEXO.

# **REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman**

#### Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

27. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Section 17-8 "Restriction on Employment of Persons Drawing City Pension" of the Providence Code of Ordinances. *(Sponsored by Councilmen Taylor, Vargas and Councilor Pichardo)* 

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman

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

28. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5141, An Act Relating to Education - Federal Aid. *(Sponsored by Councilman Espinal)* 

- 29. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5142, An Act Relating to Health and Safety -High Heat Waste Facility Act of 2023. *(Sponsored by Councilman Espinal)*
- 30. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2023 S-0002, An Act Relating to Health and Safety -Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. *(Sponsored by Councilman Espinal)*
- 31. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5300, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses -Assault Weapons. (Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Anthony, Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias and Councilman Taylor)
- 32. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5318, An Act Relating to Health and Safety -Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. (Sponsored by Councilors Sanchez, AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias and Councilman Taylor)
- 33. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5350, An Act Relating to Insurance - Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies. (Sponsored by Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias and Councilman Taylor)
- 34. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5461, An Act Relating to Elections -Registration of Voters. *(Sponsored by Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Anthony and Councilman Goncalves)*
- 35. Resolution Supporting the Medicare for All Act of 2022. (Sponsored by Councilors Sanchez, AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Council President Miller, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias and Councilman Taylor)

- 36. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5055, An Act Relating to Elections - General Provisions. *(Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony and Councilman Goncalves)*
- 37. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5120, An Act Relating to Property - Homeless Bill of Rights. *(Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony, Councilman Goncalves and Councilor Sanchez)*
- 38. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5204, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - The Department of Housing. *(Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony and Councilman Goncalves)*
- 39. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5376, An Act Relating to Property - Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act. (Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony, Councilman Goncalves and Councilor Sanchez)
- 40. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5841, An Act Relating to Commercial Law -General Regulatory Provisions - Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals. (Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony and Councilman Goncalves)
- 41. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5842, An Act Relating to Commercial Law -General Regulatory Provisions - Rhode Island Catalytic Converter Interstate Compact. (Sponsored by Councilwomen Peterson, Anthony and Councilman Goncalves)

- 42. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5362, An Act Relating to Property -Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. *(Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Anthony)*
- 43. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5580, An Act Relating to Property -Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. *(Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Anthony)*
- 44. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5502, An Act Relating to Health and Safety -Beverage Container Deposit Recycling Act of 2023. (Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Anthony and Peterson)
- 45. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5691, An Act Relating to Property -Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. *(Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Anthony and Peterson)*
- 46. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-6087 and Senate Bill 2023 S-0311, An Act Relating to Property - Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. (Sponsored by Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Peterson)

### **Transmits the Following Without Recommendation:**

47. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5289 and Senate Bill 2023 S-0443, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses. *(Sponsored by Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Anthony)* 

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

- 48. Communication from Marcela Betancur, dated June 21, 2022, submitting her resignation from the Board of Commissioners for the Providence Housing Authority.
- 49. Communication from Kevin Proft, Interim Director of Sustainability, dated April 18, 2023, submitting his appointment of Jaylyn McNeil (Youth Seat), as a member of the Providence Sustainability Commission.
- 50. Communication from Amanda Pontarelli, Deputy Director, Department of Public Property, dated April 19, 2023, submitting the CIP Quarterly Report - January 2023 through March 2023.
- 51. Communication from Derek M. Silva, Chief of the Providence Fire Department, dated April 19, 2023, submitting the 2022 Providence Fire Department Annual Report.
- 52. Communication from Christyl Melendez, Fiscal Advisor, Parks Department, dated April 24, 2023, submitting the 2022 Parks Department Annual Report.
- 53. Annual Report from Jeffrey Dana, City Solicitor, dated, April 25, 2023, of Civil Suits and Legal Proceedings to the City Council in accordance with Section 2-98 of the Providence Code of Ordinances April 2023.

54. Petition from Joseph Colaluca by John T. Longo, Esquire, 996 Smith Street, Suite 101, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 99, Lots 259, 260, 261 and 262 (57, 61, 65 and 69 Anchor Street), from R-3 Residential to R-4 Residential.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

# 55. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

# 56. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

# CONVENTION

The City Council will Convene in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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