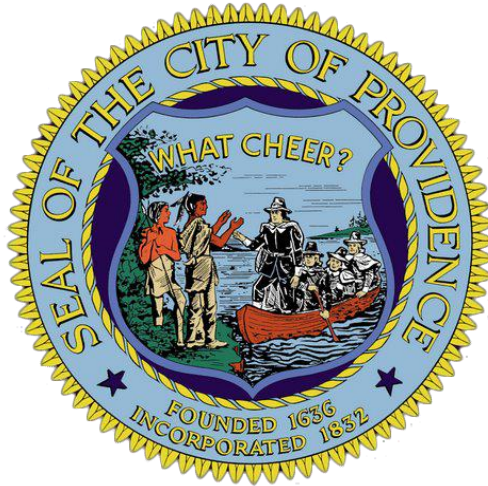


***CITY OF PROVIDENCE***

***RHODE ISLAND***



***DOCKET OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING***

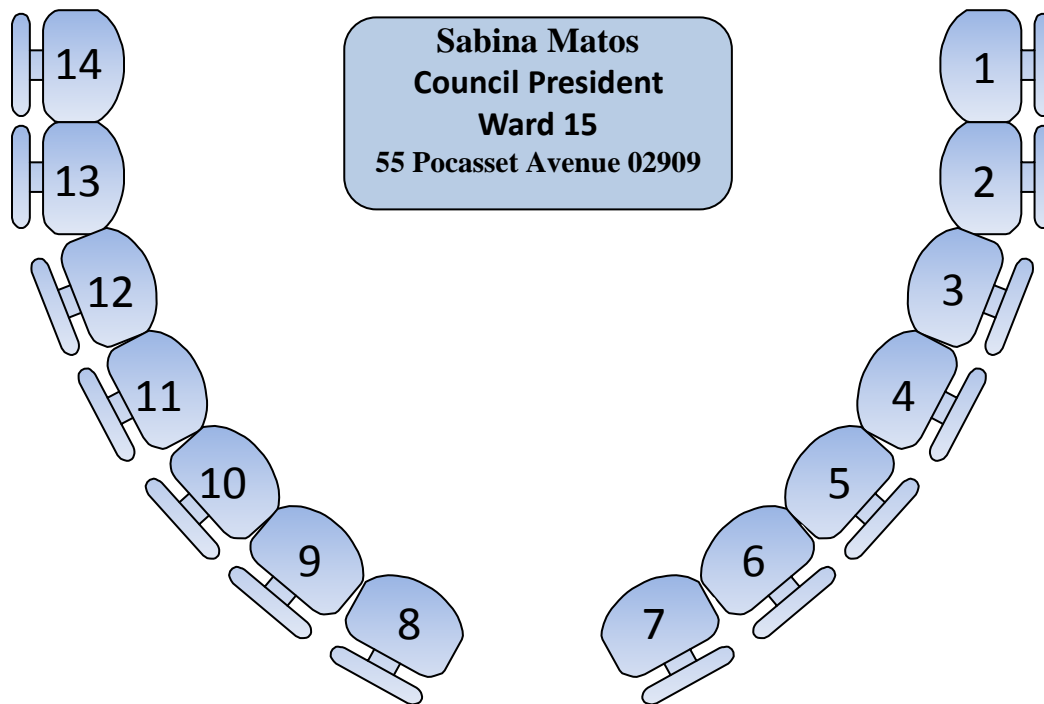
***OF THE CITY COUNCIL***

***ON***

***MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019***

***COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
SABINA MATOS***

***PRESIDING***



1. **David A. Salvatore**  
Councilman Ward 14  
711 Academy Avenue 02908

2. **Nirva R. LaFortune**  
Councilwoman Ward 3  
4 Greateon Drive 02906

3. **Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr.**  
Senior Deputy Majority Leader  
Councilman Ward 4  
20 Dorothy Avenue 02904

4. **James E. Taylor**  
Councilman Ward 8  
6 Thurston Street 02907

5. **Michael J. Correia**  
Council President Pro Tempore  
Councilman Ward 6  
87 Gray Street, Unit 1 02909

6. **Seth Yurdin**  
Councilman Ward 1  
148 Governor Street 02906

7. **Jo-Ann Ryan**  
Majority Leader  
Councilwoman Ward 5  
590 Pleasant Valley Parkway 02908

8. **Luis A. Aponte**  
Councilman Ward 10  
197 Indiana Avenue 02905

9. **Carmen Castillo**  
Councilwoman Ward 9  
381 Potters Avenue 02907

10. **Katherine A. Kerwin**  
Councilwoman Ward 12  
198 Jewett Street, Apt. 2 02908

11. **Helen D. Anthony**  
Councilwoman Ward 2  
654 Angell Street 02906

12. **Rachel M. Miller**  
Councilwoman Ward 13  
74 Willow Street 02909

13. **Mary Kay Harris**  
Deputy Majority Leader  
Councilwoman Ward 11  
304 Pearl Street 02907

14. **John J. Igliazzi**  
Majority Whip  
Councilman Ward 7  
19 Legion Memorial Drive 02909

## ROLL CALL

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## INVOCATION

1. The Invocation will be given by Councilman John J. Igliazzi.
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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America Led by Councilwoman Nirva LaFortune.
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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Journal of Proceedings No. 9 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 4, 2019.
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## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

4. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated March 1, 2019, 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, he is this day re-appointing **M. Zachary Mezera** of 140 DePasquale Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Ethics Commission** for a term to expire on February 5, 2023.
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5. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day appointing **Kenneth Phillips** of 269 Hamilton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Recreational Advisory Board** for a term to expire on September 31, 2020. (Mr. Phillips fills a vacant position on the board formerly filled by Tiger Womack.)
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6. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 908 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 **Toby Shepard** of 30 Lauriston Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Retirement Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2023. (Mr. Shepard replaces Ms. Bernal who has recently resigned.)
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7. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Marcus Mitchell** of 135 Abbott Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Economic Development Advisory Committee** for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.
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8. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Desmond Ranglin** of 33 View Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Economic Development Advisory Committee** for a term to expire on June 30, 2020. (Mr. Ranglin fills a vacant position on the board formerly filled by Ms. Adriana Dawson.)
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9. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Jennifer Rousseau** of 10 Charles Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Economic Development Advisory Committee** for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. (Ms. Rousseau fills a vacant position on the board formerly filled by Ms. Sussy Deleon.)

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10. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 4, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Seth Zeren** of 31 Harrison Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Economic Development Advisory Committee** for a term to expire on June 30, 2020. (Mr. Zeren replaces Mr. Tracey who has resigned.)

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11. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 8, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day re-appointing **Mr. Angelo Rotella** of 4 Pond View Court, Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917, as a member of the **Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission** for a term to expire on April 1, 2022.

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12. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 15, 2019, 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 Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Kate Blacklock** of 56 Montague Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2021.

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13. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 15, 2019, 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 Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Jonathan Bonner** of 260 Morris Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2021.
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14. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 15, 2019, 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 Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day re-appointing **Dominic Molon**, Richard Brown Baker Curator of Contemporary Art of 224 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2021.
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15. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 5, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 901 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 **Emmanuel R. Echevarria** of 166 Woodhaven Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861, to the position of **Director of the Department of Personnel**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
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16. Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 12, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 203 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing **Ms. Mercedes "Betty" Bernal** of 27 Cumerford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, to the **Board of Canvassers** for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
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**The Following Ordinance was in City Council March 21, 2019, Read and Passed the First Time and Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

17. An Ordinance Regarding Observance of the month of March as Irish-American and Italian-American Heritage Month. *(Sponsored by Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Igliozi, Council President Matos, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwomen Harris, Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilmen Narducci, Salvatore, Taylor and Yurdin)*

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### **ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING**

**The Following Ordinances were in City Council April 4, 2019, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

18. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, “Health and Sanitation,” of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Section 20, “Retail Plastic Bag Reduction Act”. *(Sponsored by Councilwoman Ryan)*

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19. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 21 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Revenue and Finance." (Notification of Audits or Programmatic Reviews) *(Sponsored by Councilmen Igliozi, Salvatore, Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Former Councilmen Hassett, Jennings, Councilwoman LaFortune, Council President Matos, Councilman Narducci, Former Councilman Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Yurdin and Former Councilman Zurier)*
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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **20. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2019 H-5877, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Prompt Payment by Department of Administration - Subcontractor Payments.

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### **21. COUNCILMAN APONTE**

Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Councilor Donald “Danny” Lopes, Sr.

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### **22. COUNCILWOMAN KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN MILLER**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2019 H-5354, House Resolution Creating a Special Legislative Commission to Study the Health and Safety Impact of Revising Commercial Sexual Activity Laws.

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### **23. COUNCILWOMAN MILLER**

Resolution Supporting the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 328 demands for a fair contract from Stop & Shop.

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## REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved, As Amended:**

24. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Axon Enterprises, Inc. \$469,356.00  
(Police Department)  
*(Sponsored by Council President Matos, by request)*

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25. Certificates from City Assessor (37T and 38T), recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

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26. Certificates from the City Collector, No. 80, recommending the Cancellation of the taxes for the years 2003-2018, (Excise Tax-Bankruptcies) pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$178,229.30).

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27. Certificates from City Collector, No. 81, recommending the cancellation of the taxes for the years 2003-2018, (Excise Tax - Deceased Taxpayers) pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectible, in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$175,311.87).
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**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:**

28. Certificates from City Collector, No. 82, recommending the cancellation of taxes for the years 2003-2004, (Excise Tax) pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectible, in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents (\$1,802,512.67).
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**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

29. Petitions for Compensation for Injures and Damages.
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**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

30. Communication from Patricia LaSalle, Chair, Providence Human Relations Commission, dated March 21, 2019, designating Dwayne Keys of 391 Pine Street #3, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as her designee to the Equal Pay Task Force.
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31. Communication from Deborah Schimberg, dated March 31, 2019, submitting her resignation as a member of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force.
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32. Communication from Shawn Selleck, City Clerk, dated April 5, 2019, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of January 1, 2019 to and including March 31, 2019, in a total amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).
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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

**33. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

**34. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

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**CONVENTION**

The City Council will Convene in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall  
on **Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink flourish at the end.

**SHAWN SELLECK  
CITY CLERK**

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OBSERVANCE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH AS IRISH-AMERICAN AND ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances is amended to add a new Section 2-10.3, which provides as follows:

**2-10.3. Irish-American and Italian-American Heritage Month**

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to recognize and honor the innumerable contributions of Irish and Italian immigrants and their descendants to Providence, Rhode Island, and the United States of America.
- (b) The City of Providence recognizes the month of March as Irish-American and Italian-American Heritage Month in perpetuity. The Month will coincide with St. Patrick's Day, the Irish National Holiday, on March 17<sup>th</sup> and St. Joseph's Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The City of Providence will host ceremonies, exhibits, activities, and programs to celebrate generations of contributions by the Irish and the Italian communities to the City and the State of Rhode Island.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "HEALTH AND SANITATION," OF THE PROVIDENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 20, RETAIL PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT"**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, "Health and Sanitation," Section 20, is hereby amended as follows:  
Sec. 12-20. - Retail Plastic Bag Reduction Act.

(a) *Purpose.*

The purpose of this section is to reduce the number of plastic checkout bags used by Retail establishments in the City, curb litter in the streets, protect marine environment, waterways, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and solid waste and by encouraging the use of reusable bags by Retail establishments.

The production, use and disposal of plastic checkout bags have significant adverse impacts on the environment. The City of Providence desires to conserve resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, waste, and marine pollution, and to protect the public health and welfare of its residents. Plastic bags contribute to a significant burden on the City's solid waste disposal and single stream recycling systems.

(b) *Definitions.*

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**(1) *Check out bag*** means any carryout bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. Checkout bags shall not include:

- i. Bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose produce or products are placed by a consumer to deliver such items to the point of sale or check-out area of a Retail establishment; or
- ii. Laundry or dry-cleaner bags; or
- iii. Newspaper bags; or
- iv. Bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not, to prevent or contain moisture.

**(2) *Recyclable paper bag*** means a paper bag that is one hundred percent (100%) recyclable including the handles, contains at least forty percent (40%) post-consumer paper content, and displays the words "Recyclable" and "made from 40% post-consumer recycled content (or other applicable amount) in a visible manner on the outside of the bag.

**(3) *Retail establishment*** means any person, corporation, partnership, business venture, or vendor that sells or provides merchandise, goods, or materials directly to a customer, whether for or not for profit, including but not limited to restaurants pharmacies, convenience and grocery stores, liquor stores, seasonable and temporary businesses, jewelry stores, and household goods stores. "Retail establishment" does not include sales by residents at their homes.

(4) ***Reusable bag*** means a bag specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse, with handles which are stitched and not heat-fused. The bag shall not be made of any non-recycled plastic.

(c) *Requirements.*

(1) If any retail establishment provides a checkout bag to customers, the bag shall comply with the requirements of being a Reusable Bag or a Recyclable Paper Bag.

(2) The director of the Office of Sustainability may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.

(d) *Education, Outreach, and Enforcement.*

(1) This section shall be implemented, administered and enforced by the director of the Office of Sustainability or any other City department or division designated by the City.

i. In order to ensure that this section is properly implemented and enforced, and to ensure that residents and local businesses are properly informed of the provisions of this section, the director of the Office of Sustainability shall conduct a comprehensive public education and outreach program in collaboration with Providence Public Schools, Providence Community Library, Providence Public Library, Providence community organizations, business stakeholders, environmental advocacy organizations, and other entities such as but not limited to Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and the City's private waste hauler.

ii. No more than sixty (60) days after passage, the director of the Office of Sustainability shall develop and submit to the Council, for approval, an implementation and enforcement plan. Additionally, once approved, this plan shall be posted and available to the public on the Office of Sustainability's website.

iii. It shall be the duty of the director of the Office of Sustainability to submit quarterly reports to the City Council. The quarterly reports shall describe in detail the City's efforts to implement, enforce, and educate the public about this section, along with measures of success in appropriate metric, data points, and an accounting of all fines assessed and collected.

1. Two years after passage, reports shall cease to be quarterly and shall be submitted on an annual basis no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

(2) If it is determined that a violation has occurred the City shall issue a warning notice to the Retail Establishment for the initial violation.

(3) If an additional violation of this Ordinance has occurred within one year after a warning notice has been issued for an initial violation, the City shall issue a notice of violation and shall impose a penalty against the retail establishment.

(4) The penalty for each violation that occurs after the issuance of the warning notice shall be no more than:

i. \$50 for the first offense

ii. \$100 for the second offense and all subsequent offenses. Payment of such fines may be enforced through civil action in the City Municipal Court.

All revenue collected as a result of violations of this section shall be deposited into a designated city fund for furthering community education and outreach on recycling matters.

(e) *Exempt retail establishments*

- (1) The director of the Office of Sustainability may exempt a retail establishment from the requirements of this chapter for a period of one year upon a finding by the director of the Office of Sustainability that the requirements of this chapter would cause undue hardship to a retail establishment. An "undue hardship" shall be found only in:
  - i. Circumstances or situations unique to the particular Retail Establishment such that there are no reasonable alternatives to bags that are not Recyclable Paper Bags, Compostable Plastic Bags or Reusable Bags; or
  - ii. Circumstances or situations unique to the Retail Establishment such that compliance with the requirements of this chapter would deprive a person of a legally protected right; or
  - iii. Circumstances where a Retail Establishment requires additional time in order to draw down an existing inventory of single-use plastic check out bags. Any Retail Establishment receiving an exemption shall file with the Chief monthly reports on inventory reduction and remaining stocks.
- (2) Retail Establishments shall apply for an exemption to the director of Sustainability using forms provided by the Office of Sustainability, and shall allow the director of the Office of Sustainability, or his or her designee, access to all information supporting its application.
- (3) The director of the Office of Sustainability may approve the exemption request, in whole or in part, with or without conditions.
- (4) The director of the Office of Sustainability, by regulation, may establish a fee for exemption requests.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect six months after passage.

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "REVENUE  
AND FINANCE"**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 21-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence shall be amended hereby as follows:

**Sec. 21-23. Notification of External Audits.**

(a) Preamble. External audits from federal and state agencies have posed actual or potential impacts on the fiscal integrity and/or financial condition of the City of Providence, effecting subsequent annual budget appropriations or requiring mid-fiscal year appropriations.

(b) Definitions. "External agency" shall mean federal or state agency or an agency separate and apart from the city, or of any of its departments, agencies, boards, or commissions, imbued with regulatory, oversight, or auditing authority by federal or state law.

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*(c) Notification. Within seven (7) days of receipt of an external agency's notice of intent to audit a city department, agency, board or commission, it shall be the responsibility of the director of the respective department, agency, or quasi city agency to send a copy of the letter of intent to the Internal Auditor. Upon completion of the draft audit, copies of the draft shall be submitted to the Internal Auditor.*

*(d) Confidential Information. When an audit emanates from confidential information, notice to any employee of the intent to audit does not render the specific confidential information public.*

**SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.**





# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

WHEREAS, On March 20, 2019, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Williams, Casey, and Casimiro introduced House Bill 5877; and

WHEREAS, This legislation would ensure prompt payments to subcontractors for their work on state contractors; and

WHEREAS, Most notably, the proposed legislation would establish a new process to help minority business enterprises (MBE) collect for their work on state contracts from their prime contractors; and

WHEREAS, Prime contractors with the State would be paid a deposit by the State prior to commencement of the scope of work of a MBE subcontractor solely for the purpose of prime contractors making prearranged scheduled payments to the MBE; and

WHEREAS, Such legislation is important to ensuring that MBE subcontractors are getting paid promptly, in full, and in accordance with the agreed upon contracts with prime contractors; and

WHEREAS, As the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the Providence City Council has an obligation to ensure that all subcontractors conducting work receive accurate and on-time payments, particularly minority business enterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports Rhode Island House Bill 5877 to ensure prompt payments to subcontractors for their work on state contracts, particularly minority business enterprises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House representatives of the City of Providence.

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

WHEREAS, Donald J. “Danny” Lopes, Sr. was born in 1936 in Providence, Rhode Island, son of the late Joao P. ad Ina M. (Rose) Lopes; and

WHEREAS, A beloved member of his community, he was a supervisor for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, He exhibited great dedication to his community, serving in a variety of capacities such as the President of the Two Man Union at the 148 Bar & Lounge, delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, and board member of the Providence Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he was the former President of the Rhode Island Seniors Association, the founding President of S.W.A.P., and a former coach of Woodlawn Cowboys and the Easton, MA Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, Danny Lopes served his country honorably in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1987 he was elected as a Providence City Councilor for Ward 3, representing the Mount Hope neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, During his four year term, he honorably served the city on the Committee on City Property an, the Committee on Ordinances, and the Special Committee for the Purpose of Planning and Conducting an Appropriate Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS, Even after the conclusion of his term as City Councilor in 1990, Danny Lopes continued to serve his community and the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Donald J. “Danny” Lopes, Sr. passed away at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, He was survived by his wife, Marilyn M. (Delgado) Lopes, his four children, Lynette M. Lopes-Mitchell and her husband Marcus, Chris D. Lopes and his wife Maria, Donald J. Lopes, Jr. and his wife Lavonne, and Marissa L. Lopes; and

WHEREAS, He also leaves behind his three sisters, Virginia Lopes, Lorraine Adams, and Mary Pena, as well as his twelve grandchildren, one great grandchild, and two special nieces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life and legacy of Councilor Donald J. “Danny” Lopes, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Lopes family.

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

WHEREAS, Research on the impact of prostitution laws on the safety and health of sex workers and survivors of human trafficking consistently points to a clear correlation between repressive police practices and negative health and safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Criminalization of adult consensual sex harms those who are already the most marginalized, specifically women of color, transgender and non-binary individuals, queer youth of color, and individuals in exploitative labor situations; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a serious human rights violation and therefore we must ensure we implement policies that will allow police to work with the most vulnerable populations and provide needed support so that exploitation and violence can come to light; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island permitted indoor prostitution from 1980 through 2009 and during that time, there was research conducted on the impact of permitting indoor prostitution; and

WHEREAS, A study conducted by Baylor University's Scott Cunningham and Manisha Shah of the University of California, Los Angeles and published by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that the number of rapes reported diminished by 31 percent and the statewide incidence of gonorrhea among women diminished by 39 percent; and

WHEREAS, Recent arrests in Providence at the Foxy Lady, numerous massage parlors, and other establishments shames, stigmatizes, penalizes, and hurts female workers; and

WHEREAS, Rather than providing support or resources, such interactions with police can cause trauma, loss of employment, public shame, and social isolation; and

WHEREAS, After Rhode Island criminalized indoor prostitution in 2009, studies have shown that sex workers are not able to be safe or report crimes against them; and

WHEREAS, A study conducted by COYOTE-RI and Brown University showed that 77 percent of respondents reported they had never tried reporting a crime while working in the sex industry and, of this group, 27 percent did not report because they did not think the police would do anything, while 32 percent did not report because they did not want to draw attention to themselves; and

WHEREAS, For workers that did file a report, 4 percent were arrested while trying to report a crime, and 26 percent reported being threatened by the police when trying to file a report; and

WHEREAS, An analysis of 134 studies spanning 30 years (40 quantitative and 94 qualitative, dating from 1990 to 2018) related to the impact of laws on people who engage in commercial sex revealed key findings; and

WHEREAS, For instance, on average, repressive policing practices were associated with increased risks of sexual/physical violence from clients or other partners across 9 studies and 5,204 participants; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, sex workers exposed to repressive policing practices were on average at increased risk of infection with HIV/STI compared to those who had no exposure, across 12,506 participants from 11 studies; and

WHEREAS, Repressive policing was also associated with increased risk of condomless sex across 9,447 participants from 4 studies; and

WHEREAS, Repressive policing of sex workers, their clients, and/or sex work venues disrupted sex workers' work environments, support networks, safety and risk reduction strategies, and access to health services and justice;

WHEREAS, These studies demonstrate how policing within all criminalization and regulation frameworks exacerbated existing marginalization, and how sex workers' relationships with police, access to justice, and negotiating powers with clients have improved in

decriminalized contexts; and

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2019, Representatives Williams, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Almeida, and Walsh introduced HB 5354 to create a special legislative commission to study the health and safety impacts of revising commercial sexual activity laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports Rhode Island House Bill 5354 to create a special legislative commission to study the health and safety impacts of revising commercial sexual activity laws and urges the General Assembly to review and pass HB 5354.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House and Senate representatives of the City of Providence and the Honorable Speaker of the House.



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

WHEREAS, On February 23, 2019, the contract between Stop & Shop and The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union expired; and

WHEREAS, In early March 2019, local chapters of UFCW in Massachusetts and Rhode Island voted to authorize a strike due to contract disputes with Stop & Shop; and

WHEREAS, The contract dispute centers around health insurance, pensions, and vacation time; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday afternoon, April 11, Stop & Shop employees across New England walked off the job in protest of the proposed contract from Stop & Shop; and

WHEREAS, Since their initial walkout, UFCW employees have continued to be on strike as contract negotiations persist; and

WHEREAS, Chief among their concerns are an increase in health insurance premiums, cashiers being replaced by automated self-checkout, the changes to vacation days, and potential changes to retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance for the health and vitality of our city that workers receive fair and reasonable contracts that provide good wages and health coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the members of the The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 328 in their demands for a fair contract from Stop & Shop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Stop & Shop management.



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Axon Enterprises, Inc. (Police Department)	\$469,356.00
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**PETITIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES AND DAMAGES**

Linda Alves  
Ralph Beckman  
Heather Loiselle  
James Hagan  
Jonathan Perez, Jorge Mirabal Lopez, Feliz Perez  
(Michael R. Lombardi, Esquire)  
Dale J. DeJoy  
Gabriel Paulino-Monegro  
Angela Memmolo  
James Souza  
National Grid  
(Kelly King, Analyst)  
Rochelle Fortin  
Gabriel Calvo  
(Thomas E. Sparks, Esquire)  
Nancy A. Rozendal  
Kenneth J. Adamo, Sr.  
Timothy Minier  
(Michael F. Campopiano, Esquire)  
Beth Adamo  
Roger Corrente  
Barbara H. Bready  
Harry C. Musso

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their  
Sincere Congratulations to the following:

Carmel Dundon, in recognition of being the 2019 recipient of the Carole Harman Memorial Award at the New Urban Arts 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Bash and Silent Art Auction Event.

Lois Harada, in recognition of being the 2019 recipient of the Sandra Olson Award at the New Urban Arts 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Bash and Silent Art Auction Event.

Dan Wood, in recognition of being the 2019 recipient of the Founders Award at the New Urban Arts 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Bash and Silent Art Auction Event.

New Urban Arts, in recognition of the celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary at the Annual Birthday Bash and Silent Art Auction Event and for providing arts education to Providence youth.

Tomás Avila , in recognition of the celebration of his 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

David Lewis Page, Jr., in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to Providence Water.

Adrian Lantigua, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Andre Stewart, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Andrew Montan, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Angel Pina, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Brandon Barber, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Chris Gomez, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

David Hernandez, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the



community.

David Tavares Burges, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Dennis Lassiter, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Derrick Peralta, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Donald Miya, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Donald Rodriguez, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Dory Aine, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Edourdo Xirum, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Frank Garcia, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Hector Valerio, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Jayvon Arel, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Jesus Torres, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Joel Blanco, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Julian Mejia, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Kindd Johnson, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Matthew Sylvia, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Mauricio Bonilla, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Nastali Rivas, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Quinton Nicolas, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Shai Cepeda, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Shakai Vincent, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Terrel Nyantoe, Alvarez High School, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Mr. Matthew Farrell, Alvarez High School Advisor, in recognition of his leadership in the community.

Beverly E. Ledbetter, in recognition of her leadership and dedication to service and her mentorship to so many women to push themselves to make a lasting impact.

Firefighter Antonio S. Brito, Ladder Co. 2, Group A, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Shawn Larkin, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Justin Hernandez, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Jonathon Romano, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Michael Pratt, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Michael-Mark Burgess, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Nicholas Schofield, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Kyle Brown, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Lisa Silvio, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Charles Byers, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Adam Goldstein, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

John Jorge, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Dewayne Monteiro, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Robert Tolson, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Carlos Dias, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Sophai Moeuy, in recognition of being elected as President of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Sarath Say, in recognition of being elected as Vice President of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Andy Chao, in recognition of being elected as Secretary of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Ms. Melanie OK, in recognition of being elected as Assistant Secretary of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Ms. Ratha Kwiat, in recognition of being elected as Treasurer of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Sambo Mam, in recognition of being elected as Assistant Treasurer of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Samnang K. Becker, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Communication Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Ms. Sileng Kang, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Youth Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Jim Chao, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Finance Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Vanny Chea, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Job Development Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Ms. Rey Kong, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Arts & Culture Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Ms Angelica Mey, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Education Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Savann Khamera Heng, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Nominating Committee of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Mr. Sokvann Sam, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Advisory Board of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Phanida Phivilay Bessette, in recognition of being elected as a member of the Advisory Board of the 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Board of Directors and Advisors.

Chansonida Uk, in recognition of being a recipient of a 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Scholarship.

Tola Sam, in recognition of being a recipient of a 2019 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island Scholarship.

Captain Vincent D'Ambra, Rescue 1, Group A, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend  
their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

Louis J. Pugliese

Patricia A. Dillon

Paul E. Okolowicz, Jr.

The Honorable Donald “Danny” Lopes

Segundo Hernandez