

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

RHODE ISLAND



DOCKET OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

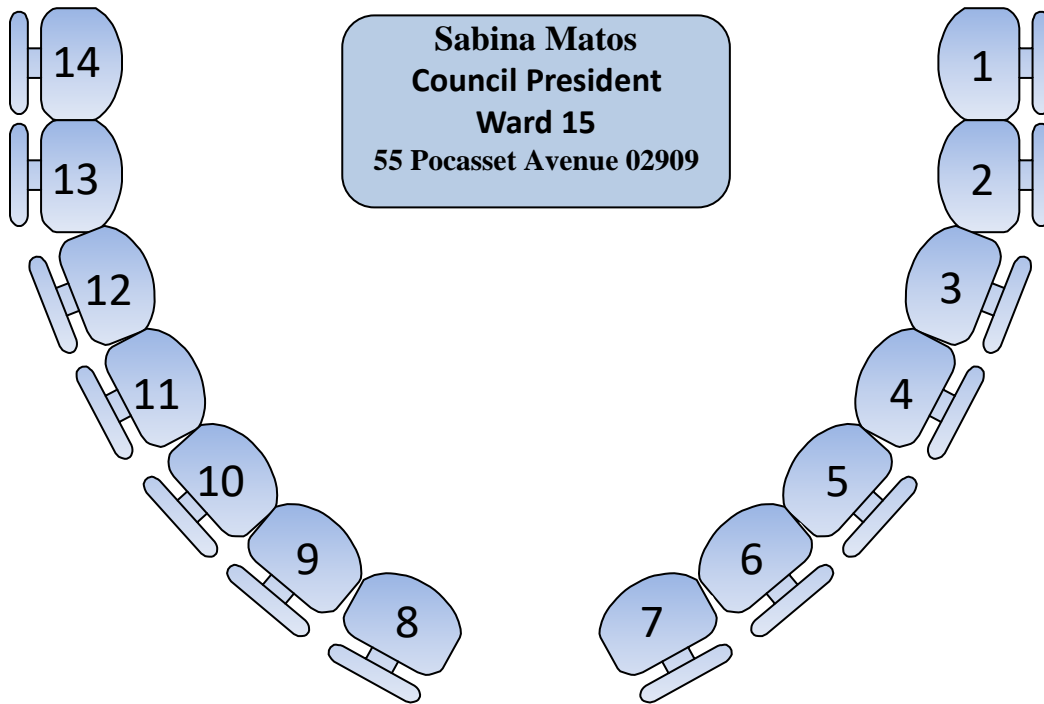
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ON

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

***COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SABINA MATOS***

PRESIDING



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

2. **Nirva R. LaFortune**
Councilwoman Ward 3
4 Greaton 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

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

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

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

10. **Katherine A. Kerwin**
Councilwoman Ward 12
39 Jewett Street 02908

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

12. **Pedro J. Espinal**
Councilman Ward 10
179 Massachusetts Avenue
Providence, RI 02905

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

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

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America Led by Councilwoman Katherine A. Kerwin.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Journal of Proceedings No. 7 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 19, 2020.
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APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

4. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 24, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter 1980, as amended, Section 7-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence and Rhode Island General Law 30-15-12, he is this day appointing **Clara F. Decerbo** of 98 Pleasant Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, to the position of **Director of the Providence Emergency Management Agency**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
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APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

5. Communication from Council President Sabina Matos, dated March 26, 2020, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of Councilman Pedro J. Espinal as a member of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.
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ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council March 19, 2020, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

6. 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 89, Lot 391, located at 121 Stamford Avenue, from R-2 to R-4.
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PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

8. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMEN IGLIOZZI AND CORREIA, (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled “Capital Equipment Budget,” As Amended.

9. An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code Of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled “Capital Equipment Budget,” As Amended.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

10. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting to Reschedule the Ward 1 Special Election.

11. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(a) of the Code of Ordinances.

LISC	\$750,000.00
(Policy Office)	

12. **COUNCILMEN CORREIA AND TAYLOR**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Human Resources amend the Adverse Health Event Policy to include the City Clerk's Office and the City Council Office as essential departments within the city.

13. **COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN
ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE,
COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN
CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA AND
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

Resolution Requesting the City Council to protect families and small businesses from economic hardship due to COVID-19 Preparedness.

CONVENTION

The City Council will convene remotely on **Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.** Dial In: +16465588656 with Pin: 981799501# and press # to join.
Or join with Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/981799501>

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**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

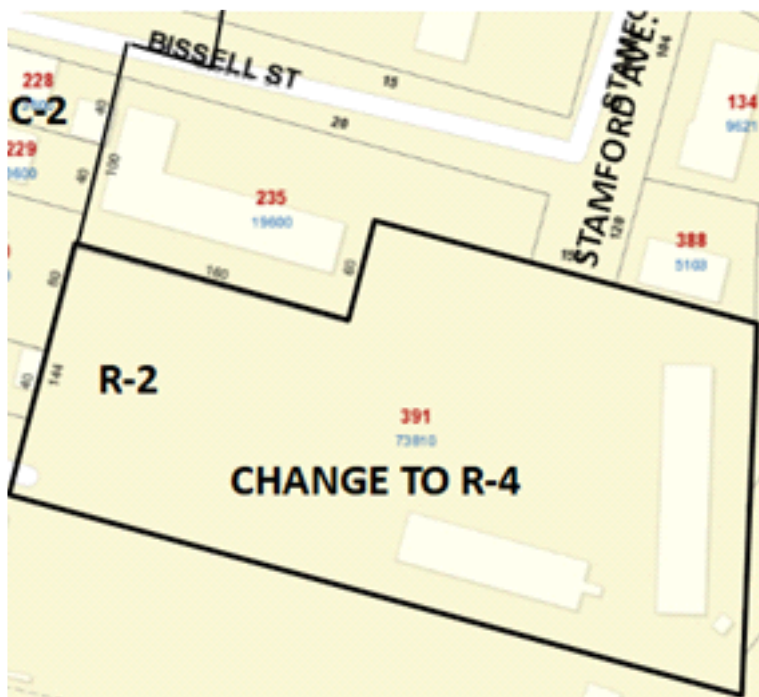
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Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. 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, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 89, Lot 391, located at 121 Stamford Avenue, from R-2 to R-4.



Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

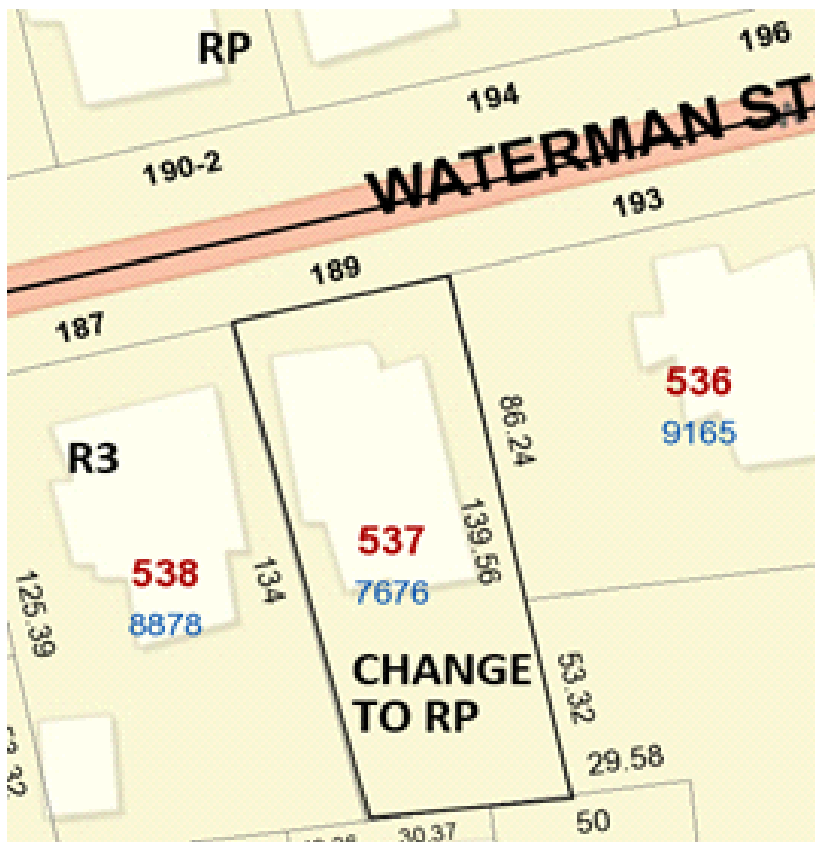
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City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 21, SECTION 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET," AS AMENDED**

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION I. That the City of Providence enter into a ~~lease purchase agreement~~ one or more lease purchase agreements or schedules thereto to finalize the purchase of the following list of capital items of improvements totaling, subsequently in accordance with the attached schedule of estimated payments:

\$ 1520,000,000 MASTER LEASE
Preliminary list of equipment

Schedule A (\$15 million)

	Quantity	Price Per	Total Cost	Total for De
PUBLIC PROPERTY				
Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations	TBD	TBD	\$500,000	
City Hall Interior Improvements	TBD	TBD	\$150,000	
Decorative Lighting Upgrades	50	\$2,000	\$100,000	
Miscellaneous	TBD	TBD	\$930,009 <u>\$774,023</u>	
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY				\$1,680,009 <u>\$1,680,009</u>
PARKS				
Skidsteer with Attachments	1	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Brush Chipper	1	\$85,000	\$85,000	
Stump Grinder	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Recycle/Trash Vehicle	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Hydrostatic Drive Large Volume Leaf Blower	2	\$14,000	\$28,000	
4x4 One Ton Dump Truck	3	\$63,000	\$189,000	
3/4 Ton Truck	3	\$48,000	\$144,000	
Ballfield Groomer	1	\$28,000	\$28,000	
11' Zero Turn Hydro Mowers	5	\$35,000	\$175,000	

3/4 Ton Van	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Landscape Trailer,	3	\$15,000	\$45,000	
5 Ton Dump 6x6	1	\$110,000	\$110,000	
Fork Lift	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Backhoe	1	\$120,000	\$120,000	
Pedestrian Bridge Security Cameras	2	\$50,000	\$100,000	
<u>Pedestrian Bridge Maintenance</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	
<u>Club Car</u>				
TOTAL PARKS				\$1,290,500

PUBLIC WORKS

Roll-Off Truck (Highway Div)	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Front Loader (Highway)	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	
Landscaper Trucks	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Double Cab Pickups 4 x 4 with plows	2	\$55,000	\$110,000	
Six Wheelers	6	\$130,000	\$780,000	
Backhoe	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Chevy Utility Truck w/compressor & railings	2	\$45,000	\$90,000	
Plow, Sander, Saddle Tanks	8/8/12	\$80,000	\$640,000	
Mattress Shredder	1	\$175,000	\$175,000	
Street Sweeper (wet)	1	\$256,000	\$256,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS				\$2,466,000

RECREATION

Rec Center Security Upgrades	<u>7</u> TBD	<u>\$1700,000</u>	\$700,000	
TOTAL RECREATION				\$700,000

FIRE

Air Compressor for SCBA	1	\$130,000 <u>\$151,000</u>	\$130,000 <u>\$151,000</u>	
Portable Radios Grant Match	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Ladder Truck Grant Match	1	\$169,000 <u>\$93,000</u>	\$169,000 <u>\$93,000</u>	
14' Inflatable Boat	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	
SUV Medical In-Service- Support Vehicle	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Pumper Truck	<u>1</u>	\$600,000 <u>\$452,993</u>	\$600,000 <u>\$905,986</u>	

Radio Upgrades	250	\$9,450	\$2,362,500
Smoke Trailer	1	\$108,000	\$108,000
Grant Match - Special Hazard Truck	1	\$73,700	\$73,700

TOTAL FIRE ~~\$3,593,200~~\$3,549,200

PEMA

SUV Emergency Management HQs	1	\$43,000	\$43,000
EOC Computer Upgrade	39	\$1,000	\$39,000

TOTAL PEMA \$82,000

POLICE

BCI Van	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
Narcotic Vehicle	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
Patrol Cars	1520	\$50,000	\$750,000 \$1,000,000
Detective Vehicles	12	\$30,000	\$360,000
Commercial Enforcement	1	\$45,000	\$45,000
Radio Upgrades	575	\$5,477	\$3,149,275
Speed Alert Radar Message	5	\$18,900	\$94,500
FATS Simulated Indoor Training	1	\$80,016	\$80,016

TOTAL POLICE \$4,793,000

COMMISSIONER

Computer Upgrades	66	\$1,000	\$66,000
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TOTAL COMMISSIONER \$66,000

COMMUNICATIONS

Microwave Radio Upgrade	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
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TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS \$300,000

TOTAL MASTER LEASE SCHEDULE A \$15,000

Schedule B (\$5 million)

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price Per</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Total for Department</u>
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FIRE

<u>Tower Ladder</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$1,100,000</u>	<u>\$1,100,000</u>	
<u>Ladder Truck</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$780,000</u>	<u>\$2,340,000</u>	
<u>Fire Engines</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>	
<u>Medical Rescue</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>	
<u>Miscellaneous Fire Department Accessories & Equipment</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>\$420,000</u>	<u>\$420,000</u>	
<u>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				<u>\$5,000,000</u>
<u>TOTAL MASTER LEASE SCHEDULE B</u>				<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION II. This ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City of Providence toward the issuance of ~~the lease purchase agreement~~ one or more lease purchase agreements or schedules thereto in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. This ordinance constitutes the City’s declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the City’s General Fund for certain capital expenditures for the leased equipment paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this ordinance, but prior to the issuance of the lease purchase agreement. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed ~~\$1520,000,000~~, and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

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Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

**\$ 9,000,000 MASTER LEASE
Preliminary list of equipment**

	Quantity	Price Per		Total for Department
RECREATION				
15 passenger vans	3	\$32,000	\$96,000	\$91,275
Defibrillators	21	\$1,500	\$31,500	\$22,995
<u>Additional 15 Passenger Vans</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>
TOTAL RECREATION				\$127,500 <u>\$289,270.00</u>
PARKS				
Forestry				
Bucket Truck	1	\$160,000 <u>\$132,879</u>	\$160,000 <u>\$132,879</u>	
Pick up truck-	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Medium Dump Truck	1	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$245,000 <u>\$182,674</u>
Superintendent				
Zamboni	1	\$150,000 <u>\$93,883</u>	\$150,000 <u>\$93,883</u>	
6 used vehicles (2) Cars - (4) SUV's	6	\$20,000 <u>\$23,143</u>	\$120,000 <u>\$138,858</u>	\$270,000 <u>\$182,674</u>
Neighborhood Parks/				
2-3 Yard Dump Truck	4	\$45,000 <u>\$40,577</u>	\$180,000 <u>\$162,308</u>	\$180,000 <u>\$162,308</u>
Roger Williams Park/				
4 Wheel Drive Vehicles	3	\$35,000 <u>\$48,436.33</u>	\$105,000 <u>\$145,309</u>	\$105,000 <u>\$145,309</u>
North Burial Ground				
Pick Up Trucks	3	\$35,000 <u>\$35,809.33</u>	\$105,000 <u>\$107,428</u>	
High Capacity Mower	1	\$90,000 <u>\$91,695</u>	\$90,000 <u>\$91,695</u>	
Riding Mowers	8	\$10,000 <u>\$7,186</u>	\$80,000 <u>\$57,488</u>	
Tractor with Attachments	1	\$47,000 <u>\$46,863</u>	\$47,000 <u>\$46,863</u>	
Backhoe	1	\$1,000 <u>\$96,900</u>	\$1,000 <u>\$96,900</u>	
Gator	3	\$15,000 <u>\$7,952</u>	\$45,000 <u>\$23,856</u>	
ASV tractor	1	\$45,000	\$45,000 <u>\$88,291</u>	\$512,000 <u>\$512,521</u>
Botanical				
2-3 Yard Dump Truck	1	\$45,000 <u>\$40,577</u>	\$45,000 <u>\$40,577</u>	
4 Wheel Drive Pick Up Truck	1	\$35,000 <u>\$26,857</u>	\$35,000 <u>\$26,857</u>	
Gator-	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$95,000 <u>\$67,434</u>
<u>General</u>				
<u>Tow Behind Blower</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
TOTAL PARKS				\$1,407,000 <u>\$1,308,987</u>

PUBLIC WORKS			
Utility Vehicle			\$25,000 <u>\$24,932.65</u>
Street Sweeper	4	\$190,000	\$190,000 <u>\$256,030</u>
Vacuum & Flush Trucks			\$290,000 <u>\$371,199</u>
Fleet replacement			\$500,000 <u>\$561,886.45</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			\$1,005,000
			<u>\$1,214,048.10</u>
PUBLIC PROPERTY			
Cargo van			\$30,000
Utility vehicles			\$50,000
Mohawk vehicle lift systems			\$65,000 <u>\$95,068.42</u>
Traffic calming devices			\$100,000 <u>\$108,240</u>
Miscellaneous items			\$976,702 <u>\$235,384.84</u>
Pick-up truck			\$25,000
2 Power washers			\$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY			\$1,261,702
			<u>\$438,593.26</u>
FIRE			
Life PAC Monitors	26	\$35,000	\$910,000 <u>\$354,940.50</u>
Rescue truck	2	\$292,245	\$584,490 <u>\$592,164.09</u>
SUV vehicles	4	\$50,000 <u>\$43,005.43</u>	\$200,000 <u>\$172,021.75</u>
Cargo van	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL FIRE			\$1,719,490
			<u>\$1,119,126.34</u>
POLICE			
Patrol vehicles	50	\$40,000 <u>\$42,294.91</u>	\$2,000,000 <u>\$2,114,745.58</u>
Detective/Administrative vehicles	20	\$30,000 <u>\$28,623.42</u>	\$600,000 <u>\$572,468.31</u>
Mounted Command F350 pickup truck	1	\$65,500 <u>\$50,558</u>	\$65,500 <u>\$50,558</u>
Tahoe SUV for Bomb Tech	2	\$56,115	\$112,230
Full size SUV	1	\$70,000 <u>\$99,846</u>	\$70,000 <u>\$99,846</u>
Fingerprinting system	1	\$229,231	\$229,231
Gator utility vehicle	1	\$6,969	\$6,969
Safety vests	300	\$69	\$20,700
Noise meters	15	\$500	\$7,500
TOTAL POLICE			\$3,112,130
			<u>\$3,071,448.89</u>
COMMISSIONER			
Various computer equipment			\$116,800 <u>\$108,771.92</u>
Kronos upgrade to cloud based system			\$59,158 <u>\$59,382.24</u>
TOTAL COMMISSIONER			\$175,958
			<u>\$168,154.16</u>
COMMUNICATIONS			
Aerial truck	1	\$123,459 <u>\$126,817.25</u>	\$123,459 <u>\$126,817.25</u>
Cable truck	1	\$59,764 <u>\$58,397</u>	\$59,764 <u>\$58,397</u>
CAD Dispatch Upgrade	1	\$225,000	\$225,000
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS			\$183,220
			<u>\$410,214.25</u>
PEMA			
PEMA Operations Computer Upgrade	10	\$1,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PEMA			\$10,000.00
			<u>\$10,000.00</u>
CITY COUNCIL			
Copy machine	1	\$8,000 <u>\$8,158</u>	\$8,000 <u>\$8,158</u>
Sound System (Council Chambers)	1	\$72,000	\$72,000
Council Office Upgrades	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
SUV	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL CITY COUNCIL			\$8,000
			<u>\$160,158</u>

<u>CITY SERGEANT</u>				
<u>SUV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	
<u>TOTAL CITY SERGEANT</u>				<u>\$30,000</u>
 <u>TAX ASSESSOR</u>				
<u>Govern System Updates</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>\$780,000</u>	
<u>TOTAL TAX ASSESSOR</u>				<u>\$780,000</u>
 TOTAL MASTER LEASE				<u>\$9,000,000</u>

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2020 pursuant to Section 206(a)(4) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council declared that a vacancy exists in the Office of a Member of the City Council from the First Ward caused by the resignation of the Councilman Seth Yurdin, and that in accordance with Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council hereby ordered that a Special Election be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy, within ninety (90) days of the occurrence; and

WHEREAS, The City Council directed the Board of Canvassers of the City of Providence, and all other officers whose duty it is to prepare for elections, to make such preparations for said Special Election; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 17-15 3 of the General Law of the State of Rhode Island, the Board of Canvassers held a special primary election for the nomination of such city official for Ward 1 on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor Gina Raimondo issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Rhode Island due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and activating the state disaster emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, The Ward I special general election is currently scheduled for April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island and the City of Providence continues to see an increase in the number of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Slowing the spread of community transmission of COVID-19 in Rhode Island and the United States is critical to allow our health care providers to help the afflicted;

WHEREAS, Minimizing contact between individuals, including those who would ordinarily vote at a polling place, will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The timeframes contained in Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, for holding a special election due to vacancies in elective offices are hereby suspended.

2. The Board of Canvassers may take all reasonable and necessary steps to hold the Ward 1 special general election on May 5, 2020.

3. The Board of Canvassers, working in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall determine a plan to hold a predominantly mail ballot special general election.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

RESOLVED, That the Member of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(a) of the Code of Ordinances.

LISC	\$750,000.00
(Policy Office)	

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the city of Providence; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the Director of Human Resources released an updated Adverse Health Event Policy which contains a section that identifies essential departments within the City; and

WHEREAS, Although the Adverse Health Event Policy does not define the term “essential department”, it does define essential employees as “any person who performs tasks directly or peripherally supportive of our mission to provide necessary services during periods of adverse public health, or emergency support functions that may be mobilized during such an event”; and

WHEREAS, The City Clerk’s office and the City Council office have been performing tasks directly supportive of the City mission since the beginning of the state of emergency and have been integral in maintaining governmental operations during that time; and

WHEREAS, The employees within the City Clerk’s office and the City Council office clearly meet the definition of essential employees under the Adverse Health Policy, yet their departments were not included in the list of essential departments; and

WHEREAS, The Adverse Health Event Policy has failed to identify all essential departments within the City which creates a risk that certain critical governmental services may not occur at the time they are needed the most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the Director of Human Resources amend the Adverse Health Event Policy to include the City Clerk’s office and the City Council office as essential departments within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Human Resources

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the city of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, like the State of Rhode Island, is committed to helping to stop the spread of this pandemic within our jurisdiction by encouraging common sense measures like social distancing, frequent hand washing, limiting public events, and encouraging community members to stay at home if they are not feeling well; and

WHEREAS, Many members of our community live paycheck to paycheck, cannot work from home, and lack adequate health insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the State of Rhode Island to:

1. Take action to suspend evictions due to nonpayment of rent if inability to pay rent is due to loss-of-income related to reasonable precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19.
2. Take action to suspend foreclosure proceedings for homeowners and landlords if inability to make timely mortgage payments is related to reasonable precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19.
3. Mandate that Unemployment Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance be considered acceptable sources of income for all residential rental agreements.
4. Mandate that all tax sale proceedings authorized by Rhode Island General Law §44-9 et. seq. be suspended until no earlier than July 15, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, the Field Office Director of the Rhode Island Branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Honorable Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Honorable President of the Rhode Island Senate, all State Senators and State Representatives whose jurisdiction includes any part of the City of Providence, executive offices of National Grid, and executive offices of Providence Water.