



Committee on Finance Regular Meeting

~ Agenda ~

Thursday, April 23, 2020

5:30 PM

Conference Remote Meeting

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4. An Ordinance requiring the Department of Public Works to refund taxpayers who were incorrectly charged late removal fees for garbage receptacles.

(The Committee may seek to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5 (a) (2) specific to litigation.)

PER ORDER THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Councilman John J. Igliazzi, Chairman

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Office of the Internal Auditor
City of Providence



April 9, 2020

Mr. Shawn Selleck
City Clerk's Office
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Arts, Culture & Tourism:**
 - Payment to Alliance Artist communities in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the artist relief fund to provide short-term relief to artist whose income has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (a);
- **School Department:**
 - Approval to extend the contract with First Student in the amount of \$13,375,996 in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Costa
Internal Auditor

Cc: Stephanie Fortunato, Director, Arts, culture, Tourism
Harrison Peters, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Mahoney, acting Director of Public Property
Alejandro Tirado, Associate Director of Purchasing
Molly Hannon, Director of Purchasing
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council

ANGÉLICA INFANTE-GREEN
Commissioner

HARRISON PETERS
Superintendent



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Purchasing Department
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March 26, 2020

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Requesting Approval of Contract Extension with First Student for Student Transportation for SY20-21 MT #28767

Dear Mayor Elorza,

Providence Public School District respectfully requests approval to extend the contract with First Student for Student Transportation for a total amount not to exceed \$13,375,996 for School Year 2020-2021 (FY21).

On August 24, 2015, the Board of Contract and Supply approved the initial award to First Student for a three-year period. The original award included a two-year extension, and on August 20, 2018, the Board approved that two-year extension to cover school years 18-19 and 19-20. There are no modifications to terms and conditions from current contract other than compensation. The cost for the 2020-2021 school year is a 4% increase over the cost for the 2019-2020 school year. This recommendation was made after consultation with the RIDE Commissioner Infante-Green who was instrumental in the negotiation of this contract rate.

Funds in the amount of \$13,375,996 are available in LOCAL in Fiscal Year 2021 (CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING).

First Student
327 Market Street
Warren, RI 02885

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Hannon, Director of Purchasing

Financial Approval:

Minority Participation:
0 % MBE, 0 % WBE

Account Code: 02600-31102500 55111
LOCAL (CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING)

An Equal Opportunity Employer. The Providence School Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, color, disability or veteran status.

Attachment: First Student (28779 : First Student)

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CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REFUND TAXPAYERS WHO WERE INCORRECTLY CHARGED LATE REMOVAL FEES FOR GARBAGE RECEPTACLES**

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works is responsible for enforcing Section 12-63 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, “Garbage, Trash, and Refuse”; and

WHEREAS, On July 28, 2011, Section 12-63 was amended to restructure the fine amounts per violation; and

WHEREAS, According to the December 5, 2019 report by the Internal Auditor, between July 28, 2011 and September 17, 2019, the Department of Public Works improperly issued tickets to Providence residents that did not reflect the reduced fines required by the July 28, 2011 amendment; and

WHEREAS, Providence residents were overcharge in excess of thirty-thousand dollars as a result of the issuance of incorrect tickets by the Department of Public Works between July 28, 2011 and September 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The City Council and the Internal Auditor have consistently requested the Mayor’s Administration provide updated information on the steps being taken to reimburse Providence residents were overcharged as a result of the incorrect ticketing; and

WHEREAS, The Administration has failed to reimburse any Providence residents who were impacted by the incorrect ticketing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Section 1. Within ten (10) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Acting Director of Public Works shall furnish a report to the City Council and Internal Auditor that identifies all Providence residents who were improperly charged for violations of Section 12-63, including the amount owed to each resident, and establishes a plan to reimburse said residents.

Section 2. The Finance Director shall begin reimbursing the Providence residents identified pursuant to the report identified in Section 1 of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Within sixty (60) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Acting Director of Public Works and Finance Director shall provide a report to the City Council outlining the progress in reimbursing all Providence residents identified pursuant to Section 1, and further identify the required steps needed to complete the reimbursement process moving forward.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.