



Committee on Ordinances

Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Monday, July 29, 2019

5:00 PM

Aldermen Chamber (City Hall)

PRESENT: Chairwoman Jo-Ann Ryan, Councilwoman Mary Kay

Harris and Councilwoman Rachel M. Miller – 3.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairwoman Carmen Castillo and Councilman

Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr. – 2.

Also present are Etie-Lee Z. Schaub, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department; Jordan Day, Deputy Director of Operations and Municipal Liaison, Mayor's Office; Billy Kepner, Deputy Chief of Staff of Communications, City Council Office; Beshka Kandella, Research Analyst, City Council Office; Elyena de Goguel, Health and Sustainability Program Associate, Office of Sustainability; Steph Machado, Reporter, WPRI; Grant Dulgarian; Tina L. Mastroianni, First Deputy City Clerk and Jennifer L. Emidy, Assistant Clerk.

- 1. An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2018-12, No. 260, Entitled: "An Ordinance in Amendment of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Chapter 15, by Adding Section 15-7", Effective April 16, 2018.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Miller |
| AYES: | Chairwoman Ryan, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Miller – 3. |
| ABSENT: | Vice-Chairwoman Castillo and Councilman Narducci – 2. |

- 2. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 14 "Licenses", Article X Entitled: "Shows and other Amusements", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by adding Section 14-234 "Immediate One-Year Moratorium on any new 2:00 A.M. operating, entertainment or liquor licenses along Atwells Avenue and adjoining streets in Federal Hill".**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

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| RESULT: | CONTINUED WITH VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Miller |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Chairwoman Ryan, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Miller – 3. |
| ABSENT: | Vice-Chairwoman Castillo and Councilman Narducci – 2 |

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Office of Sustainability to enter into contracts, develop and implement an aggregation plan and engage a consultant to develop and administer CCA Programs relative to Community Choice Electricity Aggregation of Retail Electric Loads.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to enter Exhibit A, a letter submitted from Sue AnderBois, Chairwoman of the Providence Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Second.

On motion of Councilwoman Harris, Seconded by Councilwoman Miller, it is voted to enter Exhibit A into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed, the motion carries. Clerk, can you add me as a sponsor to this Resolution?

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS: I would also like to be a sponsor on this Resolution.

FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK MASTROIANNI: So noted.

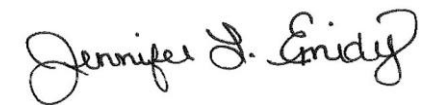
CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Thank you.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Miller |
| AYES: | Chairwoman Ryan, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Miller – 3. |
| ABSENT: | Vice-Chairwoman Castillo and Councilman Narducci – 2 |

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilwoman Miller, Seconded by Councilwoman Harris, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 o'clock P.M.


First Deputy City Clerk


Assistant Clerk

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2018-12, NO. 260, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE CHAPTER 15, BY ADDING SECTION 15-7", EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2018**

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended by repealing Section 15-17 (Ordinance Chapter 2018-12, No. 260) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, “LICENSES”, ARTICLE X, ENTITLED “SHOWS AND OTHER AMUSEMENTS”, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, BY ADDING SECTION 14-234, “IMMEDIATE ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ANY NEW 2:00 A.M. OPERATING, ENTERTAINMENT OR LIQUOR LICENSES ALONG ATWELLS AVENUE AND ADJOINING STREETS IN FEDERAL HILL**

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1: Chapter 14 “Licenses”, Article X “Shows and Entertainments”, Section 14-234, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 14-234. - ~~Reserved.~~ Immediate one-year moratorium on any new 2am operating or liquor licenses on Atwells Avenue and adjoining streets in Federal Hill

As a result of ongoing public safety issues related to businesses operating with 2am liquor and entertainment licenses, there is a one-year moratorium on any new 2am operating or liquor licenses along Atwells Avenue and adjoining streets in Federal Hill.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence adopted a Sustainable Providence Plan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is currently developing a Climate Justice Plan and Mayor Jorge Elorza, along with the City Council, has committed Providence to becoming a carbon-neutral city by 2050; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has authorized municipalities, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 1.2 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the “Act”), to aggregate the retail electric load in their communities through the development and operation of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs; and

WHEREAS, CCA programs provide the opportunity to bring the benefits of competitive choice of electric supplier, longer-term price stability and more renewable energy options to the residents and businesses of the City of Providence and other municipalities in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Director of the Office of Sustainability to research, develop and implement a plan to aggregate the retail electric loads within the City through a CCA program in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into contracts, consistent with state and local laws related to purchasing, implement such aggregation plan and CCA program independently, or in joint action with other municipalities in the state, and to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council authorizes the Mayor and the Office of Sustainability to develop and implement an aggregation plan under which all eligible customers will be automatically enrolled in the program unless such customers opt-out of the program consistent with the requirements of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to engage a consultant with experience in developing and administering CCA programs to assist the City in the creation and operation of an aggregation plan and CCA program provided that the City shall not be required to draw upon the General Fund to compensate such consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and appropriate City departments shall provide regular updates to the full City Council regarding the development and implementation of the aggregation plan and CCA program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

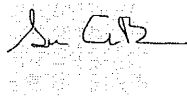
July 29, 2019

Dear Council President Matos –

We are writing to express our strong support for the Resolution you introduced to develop & implement a plan to aggregate retail electronic loads in the City as part of a Community Choice Aggregation Program. I understand that the topic has been referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and we are prepared to support it there. The ESTF is eager to assist you, the Council, and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability in implementing this type of program in Providence in any way that we can.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Best,



Sue AnderBois

Chair, Providence Environmental Sustainability Task Force