



## Committee on Finance

### Regular Meeting

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Thursday, March 24, 2016

6:00 PM

Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

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PRESENT: Chairman John J. Igliazzi, Councilman Kevin Jackson and Councilwoman Sabina Matos – 3.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Terrence M. Hassett and Councilwoman Carmen Castillo – 2.

Also present are Council President Luis A. Aponte; Councilman Bryan Principe; Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan; Councilman Samuel D. Zurier; Kenneth Chiavarini, Deputy City Solicitor, Law Department; Sean Cregan, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department; Brett Smiley, Chief Operating Officer, Mayor's Office; Lawrence J. Mancini, Director of Finance; Cyd McKenna, Chief of Staff, City Council Office; Matthew Clarkin, Internal Auditor; James J. Lombardi III, City Treasurer/Senior Advisor to the City Council; Jonathan Boucher, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mayor's Office; Emily Crowell, Deputy Director of Communications, Mayor's Office; David Quinn, Tax Assessor; Steve Ferreira, Project Manager, Vision Government Solutions, Inc.; Ethan Sluter, Bourne Avenue Capital Partners; Cesar Teo; Mary B. Shekarchi; Nancy Kirsch; Dan McGowan, WPRI 12; Lori L. Hagen, City Clerk and Tina L. Mastroianni, Assistant Clerk.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: We're going to take some items out of order, all right, so Majority Leader Jackson makes a motion to take item four out of order.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to take item number four out of order.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

4. **Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 18, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 Cesar Teo, of 24 Fern Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term ending on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Matos
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jackson
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: The next item we're going to take out of order, by Majority Leader Jackson, is item number five.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to take item number five out of order.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

5. **Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 18, 2016, 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 appointing Mary B. Shekarchi, Esquire, of 285 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Providence Harbor Management Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Matos
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jackson
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Next, we're going to take another item out of order by Majority Leader Jackson, item number six.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to take item number six out of order.

- 6. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 18, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Nancy Kirsch, of 106 Freeman Parkway, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Board of Tax Assessment and Review for a term to expire on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jackson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Matos
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

- 1. Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 029, Lot 193 (16 Thomas P. Whitten Way) on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and Eight (\$2,668.08) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.**

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: So, Madame Clerk, Majority Leader we're going to waive the reading of items two and three.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to waive the reading of items two and three.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: And Majority Leader makes a motion to take items one, two and three together.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to take items one, two and three together.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

2. **Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 029, Lot 194 (22 Thomas P. Whitten Way), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Ninety Six (\$2,454.96) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.**
  
3. **Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 029, Lot 504 (36 Thomas P. Whitten Way), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Sixteen (\$70,775.16) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.**

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: I believe you have an outlined series of questions and I guess you also answered some additional questions, and you submitted a package. Is that correct?

MR. SMILEY: That's correct.

ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR CREEGAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Thank you. So, Madame Clerk, let's just identify the package for the record. It's a package directed to, addressed, March 23, 2016, Madame Clerk, you received this package yesterday?

CITY CLERK HAGEN: I received it yesterday afternoon.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Thank you, Madame Clerk. And, it's a letter to Madame Clerk from Mr. Smiley, Chief Operating Officer, and it looks like basically it's a letter with several attachments, it looks like about thirteen exhibits, is that fair to say?

MR. SMILEY: That's about right.

ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR CREEGAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: It might be more than that, fourteen exhibits right.

CITY CLERK HAGEN: It's 145 pages.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: 145 pages. Due diligence is the watch word for this evening, I like that, very good. So, we're going to make a motion to submit this package by Pro Temp Matos, as Exhibit A, the entire package and it will go with items one, two and three, Madame Clerk.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: So moved.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Second.

On motion of Councilwoman Matos, Seconded by Councilman Jackson, it is voted to enter into the record the package received from Mr. Smiley as Exhibit A.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jackson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Matos
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

**7. Update relative to the Statistical Revaluation.**

**The following have been invited:**

**David Quinn, Tax Assessor**

**Steve Ferreira, Project Manager, Vision Government Solutions, Inc.**

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Gentlemen, we're back here again and I think last time we met we talked about how the ongoing reval was coming. And, I want to thank you, it looks like you were able to put together, I guess we have the residential revaluations.

MR. QUINN: That's correct.

MR. FERREIRA: Correct.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: The Clerk has received it and it's been dispersed to all the Council members, it's actually broken down by Ward and I think it's been very helpful. And then also, I took the liberty of requesting that the City Council Finance Committee to do a further breakdown. So, Madame Clerk let's make this part of the record. So, we can make a motion, I guess, to add it as part of this reval conversation.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Majority Leader Jackson makes a motion to make it item A, and it's a document that's created by the Internal Auditor, and it's how many pages, it's about twenty pages as part of the full record.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS: Second.

On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to enter into the record the document submitted by the Internal Auditor as Exhibit A.

CHAIRMAN IGLIOZZI: Discussion. All in favor.

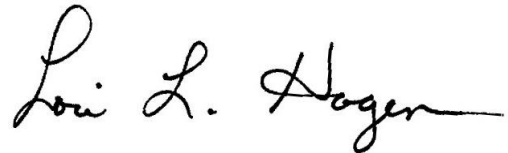
COMMITTEE: Ayes.

**RESULT:** CONTINUED WITH VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Jackson  
**SECONDER:** Councilwoman Matos  
**AYES:** Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.  
**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

**8. Ongoing Discussions relative to the City's Finances and any other matters related to Finances.**

**RESULT:** CONTINUED WITH VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Jackson  
**SECONDER:** Councilwoman Matos  
**AYES:** Chairman Igliazzi, Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Matos – 3.  
**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Hassett and Councilwoman Castillo – 2.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilman Jackson, Seconded by Councilwoman Matos, it is voted to adjourn at 8:05 o'clock P.M.



**City Clerk**



**Assistant Clerk**