



## Committee on Ordinances

Regular Meeting

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Monday, January 13, 2020

5:00 PM

Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

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PRESENT: Chairwoman Jo-Ann Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Carmen Castillo, Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr., Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris and Councilor Rachel M. Miller – 5.

Also present Council President Sabina Matos; Council President Pro Tempore Michael Corriea; Councilwoman Pedro J. Espinal; Councilwoman Nirva LaFortune; Councilwoman Katherine A. Kerwin; Councilwoman Helen D. Anthony; Councilman James E. Taylor; Senator Harold M. Metts; State Representative Anastasia P. Williams; Robert Azar, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development; Leo Perrotta, Acting Director, Department of Public Works; Sean Bouchard, Director of Policy, City Council Office; 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; John J. Garrahy, Esquire; Peter J. Casale, Code Consultant; Malchus Mills; Caitlin Frumerie, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless; Tina Guenette Pedersen, President, R.A.M.P; David Veliz; Jean Lamb, Executive Director, Smith Hill Community Development Center; Wendy Thomas; Katie West; Vanessa Galarzas, Providence Housing Authority; Clinton Aneni; Tina L. Mastroianni, First Deputy City Clerk and Jennifer L. Emidy, Assistant Clerk.

- 1. Petition from Rithy Thay, 16 Long Court, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, requesting a zone change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 43, Lots 504, 505 and 539, located at 759 Potters Avenue, from R-3 to C-1.**

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: We have an amendment to this Petition, changing the Assessor's Lots to 505, 539, and 504, located at 759 Potters Avenue, from R-3 to C-1. Can I have a motion to enter the amendment letter into the record?

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: Seconded.

On motion of Councilman Narducci, Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Castillo it is voted to enter the amendments into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter the CPC letter into the record as Exhibit A.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: Seconded.

On motion of Councilman Narducci, Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, 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.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>SET UP PUBLIC HEARING [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vice-Chairwoman Castillo
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Narducci
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to take the agenda out of order and have the Clerk read into the record agenda item number ten.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to take up agenda item number ten.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.

- 10. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision”, Article II, Entitled: “Discrimination”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by amending Sections 16-54, "Definition of Terms," 16-55, "Unlawful Housing Practices," 16-63, "Function and Duties of Commission," 16-64, "Powers of Commission," and 16-65, "Certification of Bona Fide Qualifications".**

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: We have a substitution for this Ordinance, can I have a motion to enter this into the record as 10A.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Councilwoman Harris, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to enter substitution 10A into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter a one page document entitled Section 8 Unit Distribution, as Exhibit B.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to enter Exhibit B into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter a memo from the Providence Housing Authority, as Exhibit C into the record.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to enter Exhibit C into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have motion to enter into the record a letter from Cecil Vega, as Exhibit D.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to enter Exhibit D into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter a letter from Caitlin Frumerie, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, into the record as Exhibit E.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilwoman Harris, it is voted to enter Exhibit E into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter a letter from Melina Lodge, Executive Director, Housing Network, into the record as Exhibit F.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilwoman Harris, it is voted to enter Exhibit F into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries. Can I have a motion to enter a letter from Tonya Harris, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, into the record as Exhibit G.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to enter Exhibit G into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONTINUED WITH VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Narducci
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to take up agenda items two and four together.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: Seconded.

On motion of Councilman Narducci, Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, it is voted to take up agenda items two and four together.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.

2. **Petition from Joseph P. Brennan, Esquire, Law Offices of K. Joseph Shekarchi, 33 College Hill Road, Suite 15E, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 89, Lot 391, located at 121 Stamford Avenue, from R-2 to R-4.**
  
4. **Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 14, Lot 537 (189 Waterman Street), from R-3 to RP.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matters.

**RESULT:** SET UP PUBLIC HEARING [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Narducci  
**SECONDER:** Vice-Chairwoman Castillo  
**AYES:** Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci,  
Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

**3. 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 Districts of Plat 63, Lot 346 and Plat 35, Lot 562 to include said lots in the Historic District Overlay District.**

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to enter the CPC letter into the record as Exhibit H.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILOR MILLER: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilor Miller, it is voted to enter Exhibit H into the record.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.

**RESULT:** SET UP PUBLIC HEARING [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Narducci  
**SECONDER:** Vice-Chairwoman Castillo  
**AYES:** Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci,  
Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to take agenda item number eight out of order.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN CASTILLO: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to take agenda item number eight out of order.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.

- 8. Petition from John J. Garrahy, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, requesting to change the zoning districts for the properties located at 24 Eighth Street and 29 Ninth Street, located on Assessor's Plat 91, Lots 151 and 632 from R-2 to C-2, provided the uses permitted on said property shall be restricted to either one family dwellings, two-family dwellings, three family dwellings or multi-family dwellings.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: Can I have a motion to take up agenda items five and six together.

COUNCILOR MILLER: So moved.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI: Seconded.

On motion of Councilor Miller, Seconded by Councilman Narducci, it is voted to take agenda items five and six together.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: All those opposed. The motion carries.



5. **Petition from Joelle C. Rocha, Esquire, 128 Dorrance Street, Suite 300, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lots 539 and 540 (8-10 Hewitt Street), from R-3 to C1.**
  
6. **Petition from Joelle C. Rocha, Esquire, Kelly, Souza, Rocha & Parmenter, PC, 128 Dorrance Street, Suite 300, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to amend Zoning Map/Change of Zoning Designation for the property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lots 969 (21 Adams Street), Lot 140 (34 Knight Street) and Lot 142 (17 Marcello Street), from R-3 to C-1.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matters.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Vice-Chairwoman Castillo  
**SECONDER:** Councilwoman Harris  
**AYES:** Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.

7. **Petition from John J. Garrahy, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, requesting to change the zoning district for the properties located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lot 154 (695 Manton Avenue), Lot 393 (699 Manton Avenue) and Lot 394 (697 Manton Avenue, from R-2 to R-3.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Vice-Chairwoman Castillo  
**SECONDER:** Councilwoman Harris  
**AYES:** Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 5.


9. **An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 23, “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places”, Article I, Entitled: “In General”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by adding Section 23-38, “Emergency Snow Parking Ban”.**


CHAIRWOMAN RYAN: We have an amendment to add into the record,  
can we mark the amendment as 9A.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONTINUED WITH VOTE [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vice-Chairwoman Castillo
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Ryan, Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Councilwoman Harris and Councilor Miller – 4.
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Councilman Narducci – 1.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Castillo, Seconded by Councilwoman Harris, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 o'clock P.M.

  
**First Deputy City Clerk**

  
**Assistant Clerk**