

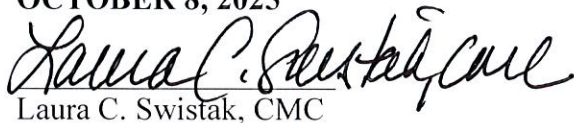
CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No. 2025-173

- WHEREAS, the City has an active community electricity program, launched after Council authorization to develop the program and approval of the plan by both the City Council and the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the goals of the community electricity program include providing the entire Newport community with options for competitively-priced electricity supply and more renewable energy; and
- WHEREAS, in 2022 the City selected the current electricity supplier for the program, NextEra Energy Resources, for a five-year term as part of a multi-municipal buying group comprised of Barrington, Central Falls, Narragansett, Newport, Portsmouth, Providence and South Kingstown; and
- WHEREAS, since launch, the NextEra Energy Resources has consistently provided residents in the program with lower-cost electricity supply than RI Energy, while providing cleaner electricity via Rhode Island-based renewables, and program participation has remained high; and
- WHEREAS, following a competitive bidding process, staff of the multi-municipality buying group recommend extending the NextEra Energy Resources contract for an additional five-year term in order to continue delivering the benefits of the community electricity program to our residents and businesses. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- RESOLVED: that the City Council authorizes the Council Chair to execute an extension of the Electricity Supply Agreement to provide electricity supply for Newport's community electricity program on behalf of the City, subject to favorable review of the City Solicitor.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
OCTOBER 8, 2025



Laura C. Swistak, CMC
City Clerk