

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, October 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council:

Council President, Robert Britto - Ward 1
Council Vice-President: Bob Rodericks - At Large
Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2
Councilman Nate Cahoon - Ward 3
Councilman Ricardo Mourato - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
Deputy City Clerk, Leah Stoddard

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- *Salute to the flag led by Council President Britto*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

The City Council of East Providence may meet in Executive Session,
pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2)

A. New Claims

1. Joseph Anselmo
2. Georgina Cabral
3. Bashee Canada
4. Stephen Crowell
5. Nicholas Ferrara

- 6. Jennifer McCaughey
- 7. Louis Procaccini
- 8. Oscar Elmasian

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to return to open session. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to seal executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- 1. Budget Session Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021, Budget Session Meeting Minutes September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021, Executive Session Minutes October 5, 2021

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VII. LICENSES

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Block Party

Applicant: James DeFayette

Location: 69 Harlem Street 02916

Date & Time of Function: October 30, 2021, 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Street to be closed: End of Harlem Street between Hood and Miller

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer & Wine

Applicant: Maria Duarte

Location: 118 Taunton Avenue, Sacred Heart Church

Date of Event: October 23, 2021

Type of Event: Pasta Dinner

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

3. Application for Second Hand Autos, Trucks, Dealers & Junkyards

Applicant: Najib Dib

Business Name: Dib Enterprises LLC dba Riverside Automotive

Business Address: 450 Bullocks Point Ave., 02915

- *Motion made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

4. Application for Dance/Entertainment License - Transfer

Transfer from: BobJoe, LLC dba The Huddle

Transfer to: Rhody Restaurant Group dba The Local

Location: 478 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

5. Application for Victualing License – Class 2 – Transfer

Transfer from: BobJoe, LLC DBA The Huddle

Transfer to: Rhody Restaurant Group DBA The Local

Location: 478 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

6. Application for Holiday Sales

Applicant: Isaac DaSilva Neto

Business Name: Minas Café II
Business Address: 315 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

7. Application for Victualing License – Class 2

Applicant: Isaac DaSilva Neto
Business Name: Minas Café II
Business Address: 315 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

8. Application for Victualing License – Class 1 – Transfer

Transfer From: Pub Ventures dba Mulhearns Pub
Transfer to: PEHarvey LLC dba Skeff's East Providence
Location: 507 North Broadway, 02914

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

9. Application for Dance/Entertainment License – Transfer

Transfer From: Pub Ventures dba Mulhearns Pub
Transfer to: PEHarvey LLC dba Skeff's East Providence

Location: 507 North Broadway, 02914

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV License – Transfer

Transfer from: BobJoe, LLC DBA The Huddle

Transfer to: Rhody Restaurant Group DBA The Local

Location: 478 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Ms. Johnson asks various questions to the new owners*
- *A resident asks various questions to the new owners*
- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. BV License – New

Applicant: Isaac DaSilva Neto

Business Name: Minas Café II

Business Address: 315 Waterman Ave., 02914

- *Councilwoman Sousa asks the new owners questions about the new business. The new business owners answered Councilwoman Sousa's questions.*
- *Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
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Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

3. BV License – Transfer

Transfer From: Pub Ventures dba Mulhearns Pub

Transfer to: PEHarvey LLC dba Skeff’s East Providence

Location: 507 North Broadway, 02914

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon subject to payment of lien from McLaughlin & Moran. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS – NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Any person who submits a communication to the Council and wishes to speak on it must indicate this in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. A person who lists more than one topic on their communication will be allowed to speak on the first one listed.

A. Kenneth Atkinson – Opposition to face coverings in city buildings

- *Kenneth Atkinson speaks to his opposition of face coverings in city buildings.*

B. Steelworkers 15509 – Relocation of Police/Fire dispatch

- *Alyssa Cadoret speaks on behalf of the Steelworkers 15509 Union in opposition to the relocation of the Police/Fire dispatch*

C. John Rossi – Moving dispatch

- *John Rossi speaks to his opposition of moving the Police/Fire dispatch*

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

All persons wishing to make public comment shall sign a public comment sheet stating their name, address and the subject of their comments. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The order of speakers will be on a first come, first serve basis and the maximum time for public comment shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per meeting.

XI. APPOINTMENTS - NONE

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Update on the New East Providence High School – Councilman Cahoon – Discussion only

- *Councilman Cahoon gives update on the High School construction and demolition*

2. Update community meeting update – Councilman Mourato – Discussion only

- *Councilman Mourato speaks about the community meeting he held at the library*

3. Halloween Spooktacular event – Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion only

- *Councilwoman Sousa gives the details about the event*

4. Request for traffic study on Leonard Avenue and Short Street - Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion only

- *Councilwoman Sousa speaks to issues on these streets and requests a traffic study*

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinances

A. Second Passage

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 - 307 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, RI, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

Summary: moving the no parking sign from the south side of the street to the north side on Sunset Avenue. Special markings to be painted in designated areas.

Sponsor: Councilman Mourato

- *Motion made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence ordering the assessment and collection of property tax on the ratable real estate, tangible personal property, and an excise tax on registered motor vehicles and trailers

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

3. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes.

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

B. First and Final Passage

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$129,000 for the installation of lights at the Kimberly Ann Rock Field.

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

- Director of Administration, Napoleon Gonsalves spoke to each item listed

1. Executive Order 2021-016 Extension
2. Grassy Plains Update (encroachment onto City property by abutting land owners)
3. HR Director Victor Santos Retirement
4. Police Chief William Nebus Retirement
5. Acting Police Chief Chris Francesconi Appointment
6. Requests of the Administration before the Council for Council Action
- Executive Order 2021-016 – Extension of Municipal Emergency

- Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilman Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-2.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato		X
Rodericks	X	
Sousa		X
Britto	X	

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor
 - Claims Committee Report
- Solicitor Marcello states the approved and denied claims*
2. Report of the Finance Director
 - Update on schedule of Capital Projects
- Finance Director Moore updates the Council on the status of various Capital Projects*

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with AM Electric, LLC for installation of lighting at the Kimberly Ann Rock Little League Field.
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Resolution Requesting RIDOT to avoid unnecessary damage to the Pleasant Street Bridge.

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

3. Resolution identifying specific projects pursuant to Capital appropriations for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2022.

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and mobile tri-band radios for the Fire Department

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

5. Resolution requesting allocation for East Providence Police Department facility improvements

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- *Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks to table. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - NONE

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

Approved by Council: November 2, 2021

Attest:  deputy city clerk

City Clerk