

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
 CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.
 145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjcKR47VMil1LA>

City Council:
 Council President, Bob Rodericks – At Large
 Council Vice-President: Frank Rego – Ward 1
 Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2
 Councilman Frank Fogarty - Ward 3
 Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
 City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Councilman Fogarty_____ Councilman Lawson_____ Council Vice President Rego_____
 Councilwoman Sousa _____ Council President Rodericks_____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for first and final passage and second passage -
 For discussion and possible vote**

A. First and Final Passage- as proposed by the mayor

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$219,664,964 for the support of the City government for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

B. Second Passage

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence ordering the assessment and collection of property tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. BUDGET SESSION – Review of the Administrations FY24 proposed budget-additions, reductions and or transfers

B. Proposed Council amendments to FY24 Administration budget to be set for public hearing – for discussion and possible vote

1. School Department
2. Capital

3. City Government
 - City Council
 - Mayor’s Office
 - City Clerk
 - Law
 - Canvassing

4. City Operations
 - Finance Controls & Accounts
 - Tax Collection
 - Tax Assessment
 - Human Resources
 - EEOC/Affirmative Action
 - Information Technology
 - Miscellaneous
 - Debt Service
 - Capital

5. Community Development
 - Planning & Economic Development

6. Community Services
 - Recreation
 - Pierce Stadium
 - Carousel
 - Library
 - Senior Center

7. Public Works
 - Public Works Director
 - Building Inspection
 - Engineering
 - Highway/Parks
 - Streetlights

- Refuse Disposal
- Public Buildings
- Central Garage

8. Public Safety

- Police Department
- Animal Shelter
- Harbormaster
- Fire Department
- Public Safety Communications

9. Enterprise Fund

- Wastewater Pollution Control
- Water Utilities

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE ORDERING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX ON THE RATABLE REAL ESTATE, AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. Section 16-50 entitled "Assessment" of Article IV entitled "Property Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property and Excise Tax on Registered Motor Vehicles and Trailers" of Chapter 16 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Taxation." is amended to read as follows:

That the Council of the City of the City of East Providence hereby orders the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable real estate, tangible personal property and an excise tax on trailers in a sum not more than One Hundred Sixteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight (\$116,287,788) dollars. Said tax is for ordinary expenses, for the payment of interest and indebtedness, in whole or in part, of said city, and for other purposes authorized by law.

The Tax Assessor shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said city as of the 31st day of December, 2023 at twelve o'clock Eastern Standard Time, according to law, and shall on completion of said assessment, date and sign same and shall make out and certify to the Tax Collector of the City of East Providence, who is charged with the duties for the collection of taxes, on or before the 15th day of June, 2024 a complete list of the names of the persons taxed and of the total value of all the real estate and tangible personal property assessed against each person, and also the total amount assessed against each person on said real estate and tangible personal property, opposite the name of the person or persons assessed. Upon receipt of the certified tax list by the Tax Collector, she shall proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable thereof; said tax shall be due and payable on and between the 1st day of June 2024 and the 1st day of July, 2024 and provided further that if said tangible personal property and/or real estate taxes are paid in full on or before the 1st day of July, 2024, a discount of one and one half per centum (1.5%) of the total taxes on said tangible personal property and real estate shall be granted, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of July, 2024 shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve per centum (12%) per annum from the 1st day of June, 2024 upon said unpaid tax, however, said taxes may be paid in four installments; the first installment of twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 1st day of July, 2024, the second installment of twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 1st day of September, 2024, the third installment of twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 1st day of December, 2024 and the fourth installment of twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 1st day of March, 2025.

Each installment of taxes if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively in order shall be free from any charge of interest.

If any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the last date of the respective unpaid balance period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the taxes as the case may be shall immediately become due and payable and carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve per centum, (12%) per annum.

If any payment of taxes is made by check or electronic fund transfer (EFT) and said check is returned unpaid or said EFT is rejected and the city is assessed a fee from its bank for said bounced check/rejected EFT, a fee in the amount of \$25.00 for a bounced check and a fee in the amount of \$15.00 for a rejected EFT shall be due and owing by said taxpayer and said payment amount shall be added to the bill due and owing by the taxpayer.

SECTION II. That any of said taxes not paid on or before the 1st day of March, 2024 shall forthwith be collected by levy upon the sale of real estate upon which it is assessed and by that or other due process of law in case of assessment upon tangible personal property.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE APPROPRIATING \$219,664,964 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2024

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The general fund receipts for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024 have been established to amount to \$219,664,964 made up as follows:

GENERAL FUND	2022-2023	2023-2024
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	111,933,737	114,818,503
School State Aid	39,579,496	40,661,557
City State Aid	21,313,209	24,050,091
City Revenue	10,255,820	11,037,116
School Grants/Other	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total General Fund	\$ 184,282,262	\$ 191,767,267
CAPITAL FUNDS	\$ 3,531,725	\$ 1,826,854
UTILITY FUNDS	2022-2023	2023-2024
REVENUES		
Water Division	10,668,264	11,939,039
Wastewater Division	14,126,843	14,131,804
Total Utility Funds	\$ 24,795,107	\$ 26,070,843
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 212,609,094	\$ 219,664,964

SECTION II. To defray the expenses of the City of East Providence for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024, the sum of money, or so much thereof as are authorized by law indicated in the accompanying schedule, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes, and in the amounts expressed therein, provided that payments thereunder shall be subject to the provisions of the City Charter of the City of East Providence and also subject to the provisions of said City Charter relative to the manner and form of expenditures of money set forth in said Charter from the City Treasury.

SECTION III. All monies appropriated are to be expended by the various departments in the manner and form approved by the Director of Finance.

SECTION IV. The payment to the School Fund of the following estimated receipts, included in the appropriation of \$96,865,038 for the support of the public schools for the City of East Providence fiscal year 2023-2024, shall be increased or decreased to conform to the actual amounts received from such sources during the fiscal year 2023-2024 except the appropriation of property tax.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVENUES	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation of Property Taxes	53,090,950	55,003,481
State Sources/Other	40,779,496	41,861,557
Totals	\$ 93,870,446	\$ 96,865,038

SECTION V. The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 which begins November 1, 2023 and ends October 31, 2024 as prepared and submitted by the Mayor, and to implement the recommendations as set forth in the Mayor's Budget Message by the approval of said recommendations as contained herein, or by other ordinances or resolutions of the Council of the City of East Providence; all in accordance with the provisions of said Article.

SECTION VI. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted: _____

Attest:

 City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE TO BORROW FUNDS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The Director of Finance is authorized to borrow during the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024 such sums of money in anticipation of the property taxes of the year as may be permitted by law for the purpose of meeting the current liabilities and expenses of the City and that the Director of Finance is authorized to issue the note or notes of the City therefore and to refund such note or notes and any tax anticipation notes of a prior year to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE TO BORROW FUNDS IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The Director of Finance is authorized to borrow during the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024 such sums of money in anticipation of bonds as may be permitted by law for the purpose of meeting the current liabilities and expenses of the City and that the Director of Finance is authorized to issue the note or notes of the City therefore and to refund such note or notes and any bond anticipation notes of a prior year to the extent permitted by law.

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