

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

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 Marcello

City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Councilman Fogarty X Councilman Lawson Council Vice President Rego X

Councilwoman Sousa X Council President Rodericks X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

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

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-26-5(5) Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition of real property for public purposes wherein advance public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote-none

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- 1. September 12, 2023 – Council meeting minutes
- 2. September 19, 2023 – Council meeting minutes
- 3. September 26, 2023 – Council meeting minutes

B. TAX ABATEMENTS:

Year	Amount
2023	\$11,893.84
Total	\$11,893.84

Councilwoman Sousa made a motion to approve consent calendar, Councilman Fogarty seconded and all were in favor.

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote - none

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C3

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty	Second, X	
Councilman Lawson	Absent	
Council Vice President Rego	Motion, X	
Councilwoman Sousa	X	
Council President Rodericks	X	

Motion to approve bundle

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty	Seconded, X	
Councilman Lawson	Absent	
Council Vice President Rego	X	
Councilwoman Sousa	Motion, X	
Council President Rodericks	X	

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

- Special Event License-One Day Entertainment
 Applicant name: Vilija Putriute-Bauziene (Ocean State Ballet)
 Event Address: 37 North Blossom St
 Date and Time: October 7, 2023 4:00pm-7:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Live acoustic music, dance school performance

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

- 2. Application for Bingo License
 Applicant: Steven Medeiros (Sacred Heart)
 Location: 118 Taunton Avenue

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

- 3. Business License- Sundays and Holidays- New
 Applicant: Mashal Siddiqui
 Business: Prime Comms LLC
 Location: 775 Newport Ave, Suite 300

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

C. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Application for Additional Hours to open 24 hours - New
 Applicant: Laura Salvucci
 Business Name: Cumberland Farms Inc dba Cumberland Farms #001302
 Business Address: 125 Newport Avenue, 02916

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

Solicitor for Cumberland Farms was present and reviewed the application. Council Vice President made a motion to deny the license. Councilman Fogarty Seconded and all were in favor (4-0).

Susan Darylin spoke against the application and raised concerns of noise and trash disruption.

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS –

1. Acknowledgment of Coach Kristin Coutoulakis for being named Coach of the Year-
Council President Rodericks and Council Vice President Rego

IX. COMMUNICATIONS - none

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.

1. Nancy Hale – budget questions

Nancy Hale presented an update of improved traffic behavior. She spoke on fiscal responsibility and wanted to understand what efforts needed to happen in order to align East Providence with the States Fiscal Calendar. Solicitor Marcello explained the processing of synchronization.

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.

- *Frank Rego made a point of clarification that the intent of the budget cuts of the planning department were intended for the vacant position and not the occupied position.*
- *Renee Chicoine spoke on the archeological survey for Keep Metacomet Green.*
- *Jason Rafferty spoke in favor of the community center and specifically in favor of the pool.*
- *Chrissi Rossi spoke against the redevelopment agency.*

XI. APPOINTMENTS - none

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Detailed ARPA allocation, spending, and existing purchase orders from inception to date broken down by program and line item – *receive report and discussion - Council Vice President Rego*

Malcolm Moore, Finance Director presented the report of ARPA.

2. Update on Police Department roofing project-*Discussion only- Councilwoman Sousa*

Chief Fransisconi spoke on the Councils concerns about the police roof work completion.

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

1. An ordinance in amendment of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended.

Summary: Chapter 20 adding redevelopment agency

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

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

Motion by Councilman Fogarty to deny and Councilwoman Sousa seconded. All were in favor. (4-0)

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS-

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS - none

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

D. RESOLUTIONS - none

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - none

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty	Second, X	
Councilman Lawson	Absent	
Council Vice President Rego	X	
Councilwoman Sousa	Motion, X	
Council President Rodericks	X	

Approved by Council: November 14, 2023

Attest: 

City Clerk