

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

TUESDAY, February 15, 2022

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

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By phone:

Call the toll free number: 1-877-853-5247 (audio only) and enter the following information:

MEETING ID: 885-6717-1685

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Enter the following information when prompted

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Cahoon X Mourato -- Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

- *Councilman Mourato not present at this meeting*

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 Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

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

A. New Claims

1. Farmers Insurance (Insured Wayne Bonadie)
2. Justin Pina

B. Collective Bargaining

1. EPPMTEA Contract negotiation update and review of tentative agreements

C. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Keep Metacomet Green, Inc. vs. City of East Providence and Metacomet Property LLC, C.A. No. PC-2021-5412

1. Litigation update, recent court activity

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to reconvene to open session. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

Cahoon X Mourato 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 4-0.*

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes February 1, 2022

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

VII. LICENSES

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Carnival – New

Applicant: Alba Curti

Type of Event: Festival Pierce Memorial Field

Date of Event: July 29-31, 2022

Applicant: East Providence Heritage Days

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

2. Class F Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Alba Curti

Location: Pierce Memorial Field

Date of Event: July 29-31, 2022

Type of Event: Festival

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV Liquor License – New

Applicant: Marta Ochoa

Business Name: Taconeando Mexican Style

Business Address: 181 Willett Ave., 02915

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - NONE

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.

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.

- *Jennifer Gillooly Cahoon address the Council about the benefits of building the art and cultural district.*

XI. APPOINTMENTS – NONE

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - NONE

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - NONE

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council Confirmation

- a. James Boyd, reappointment to East Providence Conservation Commission, Term 01/02/2022-01/01/2025

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

2. Items for Discussion

- a. 2021 Departmental Accomplishments/2022 Goals - Mayor Roberto DaSilva

- *This address will be taking place at a future meeting*

b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Plan/Goals)

- *Planning Director William Fazioli and Finance Director Malcolm Moore speaks to the ARPA plan and goals*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Claims Committee Report/litigation update

- *Solicitor Marcello gives update on claims report and Keep Metacomet Green, Inc. vs. City of East Providence and Metacomet Property LLC litigation*

C. RATIFICATION APPROVAL OF EPPMTEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

1. Review, discussion and final ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the EPPMTEA and the City of East Providence Effective 11/1/2020-10/31/2021

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

2. Review, discussion and final ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the EPPMTEA and the City of East Providence Effective 11/1/2021-10/31/2024

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

D. RESOLUTIONS - None

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. An ordinance Rescinding Prior Bond Borrowing Authorizations

Summary: To rescind and extinguish the authorization to borrowing for select projects

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

2. An ordinance adopting an amended East Providence waterfront special development district tax increment financing plan (the “amended project plan”) and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance certain public infrastructure and public improvements necessary in connection with the East Point Site project

Summary: A list of findings, determinations and declarations with regard to the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Tax Increment Finance Plan

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

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.

Approved by Council: March 1, 2022

Attest:

Laah Haddard Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk