

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
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

**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 Forgarty - Ward 3  
Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Fogarty\_\_\_\_\_ Lawson\_\_\_\_\_ Rego\_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks\_\_\_\_\_

**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. Rhode Island Hospital, 900 Warren Avenue, Map 507, Block 12, Parcel 001, Tax  
Exempt Status of Real Estate - Review, discussion and possible vote – litigation

B. 42-46-5(a)(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.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Fogarty\_\_\_\_\_ Lawson\_\_\_\_\_ Rego\_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks\_\_\_\_\_

**V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes January 17, 2023

**B. TAX ABATEMENTS**

Year	Amount
2022	\$159,253.68
Total	\$159,253.68

**C. Read In**

**1. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer and Wine**

Applicant: St. Francis Xavier Church

Location: 160 Orchard Street

Date & Time of Event: 01/29/2023 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Type of Event: Dinner

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer and Wine  
 Applicant: JDP Theatre Co.  
 Location: 1336 Pawtucket Avenue 02916, Church of the Epiphany  
 Date & Time of Event: Feb. 11, 2023, 6:00pm-9:00pm  
 Type of Event: Murder Mystery Dinner

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Application for Kennel License  
 Business name: Strategic K-9 Training LLC  
 Applicant: Joseph Corsi  
 Business Address: 2382 Pawtucket Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. PUBLIC HEARING**

**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.*

**XI. APPOINTMENTS – for discussion and possible vote**

1. East Providence Tree Commission – City Council Member ex-officio Appointment

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Planning Board – City Council Member ex-officio re-appointment Anna Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Council Liaison to the School Committee – Discussion – Council President Rodericks
2. City Clerk job description review, vacancy/appointment procedure– Discussion and Possible vote – Council President Rodericks and Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Administration’s recommendation on posting, applications and interviews for City Clerk position – Discussion – Councilman Lawson

4. Discussion related to status of request for proposal RFP for the Crescent Park concession stand – Discussion – Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Freedom Green Park repair, maintenance/up keep to include grounds, gazebo and benches – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
6. Lyle Bourne Park renovations and discussion for need for handicapped accessible playground equipment – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
7. East Providence Fire Station 3 Rescue staffing and run status – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
8. Fiscal Review; 1) FY21 and FY22 audit, 2) FY23 expenditure revenue update, 3) update of 12/31/22 tax assessor re-evaluation status conducted by Northeast Revaluation – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
9. Review of East Providence School Zone speed camera and red light traffic enforcement camera Sensys Gatso contract and policy – Discussion - Councilman Fogarty
10. Review of Wampanoag Trail/Pawtucket Avenue intersection safety concerns, former Wampanoag Diner site – Discussion – Councilman Fogarty
11. Full report on outstanding bonds taken out by the City of East Providence to include the amount, the purpose, the yearly repayment cost, and the maturity date of all bonds for the City, School Department and Water Enterprise fund. State’s reimbursement for the high school, how much was received, reimbursement schedule, which accounts are the reimbursed funds being placed – Discussion – Councilman Lawson
12. Water/Sewer/Road infrastructure funding – Discussion – Councilman Lawson
13. Handling and tracking of constituent requests between Administration and Council – Discussion - Councilman Lawson

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - For discussion and possible vote – None**

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council confirmation
  - a. Jerome Spinola to the Canvassing Authority, term 03/03/2018-03/01/2024

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- 2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council confirmation
  - a. Rick Lawson appointment to Carousel Commission – Appointment #9 – term 01/22/2023-01/21/2024
- 3. Items for announcement/discussion
  - a. Recognition of Mildred Morris, Valerie Perry and David Kelleher on being featured in Portraits of a City exhibit at East Providence City Hall.
  - b. Request for Remarkable Women Nominations in celebration of International Women’s Day and Women’s History month – nomination forms available on city website. Deadline for submission is February 28, 2023
  - c. Black History Month – Proclamation celebrating Black History Month – Detail of celebration to be announced at a later time

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

**C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote**

- 1. Resolution amending resolution no. 156 recorded in book 27, page 186 regarding the disposition of the City of East Providence’s interest in tax assessor’s map 305, block 6, parcel 5.1  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rodericks		

2. Resolution in support of Housing Development & Land Use  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution adopting amended Rules of Procedure of the City Council – Discussion and possible vote

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote - None**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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