

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 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

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

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*
- *Moment of silence held for those in Ukraine*

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
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. 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

2. Keep Metacomet Green! v. East Providence City Council, OM 22-3. Decision dated February 15, 2022.

**IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Cahoon\_\_\_\_ Mourato\_\_\_\_ Rodericks\_\_\_\_ Sousa\_\_\_\_ Britto\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes February 15, 2022
2. Regular meeting minutes July 20, 2021

**B. Tax Abatements**

Year	Amount
2017	\$12.10
2018	\$269.15
2019	\$216.55
2021	\$2,944.59
Total	\$3,442.39

**C. Previously Approved Permits/License (Read In)**

1. One day Entertainment

Applicant: Christina Vianna

Location: 31 Pine St 02915

Date and Time of Function: February 26, 2022, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Live band

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar, tax abatements and previously approved license. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

**VII. LICENSES**

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Application for Holiday Sales – New**

Applicant: Krizia Enos

Business Name: Natural Beauty

Business Address: 497 Bullocks Point Ave., 02915

- *Motion to approve all non-public hearing licenses as a group 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. Block Party**

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Applicant Location: 187 N. Brow St., 02914, Sacred Cow

Date & Time of Function: 04/30/2022, 05/29/2022, 07/10/2022, 08/07/2022, all start times 11:00am.

Street to be closed: The L shape western half of Cross Street to N. Brow and the section of N. Brow to Cross Street.

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

**3. One Day Entertainment**

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Applicant Location: 187 N. Brow St., 02914, Sacred Cow

Date & Time of Function: 04/30/2022, start time 11:00am.

Type of Entertainment: Live music

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

**B. PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. BV Liquor License – New**

Applicant: Claricleia DeSousa

Business Name: Ponto Um Take Out

Business Address: 233 Warren Ave., 02914

*- Motion to approve 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	



**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.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Item</i>
<i>Chief Francesconi</i>	<i>License Plate Readers</i>
<i>Lori Rego</i>	<i>Hawkers Permit</i>
<i>Kurt Ripke</i>	<i>License Plate Readers</i>

- *All public comment sign ups were moved to speak during the ordinance presentation they referenced*

**XI. APPOINTMENTS – None**

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - None**

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Items for Discussion

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

- *Director of Administration, Napoleon Gonsalves reads a statement from the Mayor*

b. January 2022 Finance Reports – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

- *Finance Director Malcom Moore discusses and reports the January 2022 finance reports*

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Litigation update

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

**C. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution in support of House Bill H-7349

*Sponsor: Council President Britto*

- *Councilman Cahoon places on record that he has no conflict of interest in this matter*
- *Councilman Cahoon abstains & recuses himself from this vote*
- *Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 4-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	Abstain/recuse	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the East Providence Boys & Girls Club

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

- *Motion to approve 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	

**D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 18 of the revised ordinances of the City of east Providence, Rhode Island, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

*Summary: Sec. 18-307 no parking Broadway (west side), from Freeborn Avenue to Warren Avenue*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

*Summary: Sec 18-307 no parking Goldsmith Avenue (east side), from Taunton Avenue north for 80 feet*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

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

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



3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8 of the revised ordinances of the city of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Licenses and Business Regulations”

*Summary: Amending the ordinance to exclude certain crafters, artisans, religious groups and civic & youth groups from the requirement of getting a Hawkers and Peddlers license*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

- ***Councilman Cahoon recuses himself due to his wife being an artist***
- ***Lori Rego addresses the Council about the removing the fee for the Hawkers license***
- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4 - 0.***

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

4. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Police”

*Summary: Requires City Council authorization related to the use, funding and regulation of automated license plate readers*

*Sponsor: Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa*

- ***Chief Francesconi addressed the Council regarding the use of automated license plate readers***
- ***Kurt Ripke addressed the Council regarding the use of automated license plate readers***
- ***Attorney Hannah Stern from the ACLU addressed the Council regarding the use of automated license plate readers***
- ***Motion to amend 12-57 a ii from stating section 3(a) to state section 12-56(a) made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

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



- *Motion to table ordinance until the March 15, 2022 meeting made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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


**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

- *Motion to adjourn 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	

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 15, 2022

Attest:  deputy city clerk  
City Clerk