

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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. New Claims

1. Alan J. Gomes

B. Sewer Abatements

1. Tiffany Totten

2. Thomas Riley Trustee, Riley Family Revocable Trust

C. RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(1) Update and discussion on City Clerk resume review and selection of potential interviewees for open position – Update of subcommittee report

D. RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(5) Solar lease and Solar Canopy for East Providence Police Department parking lot, Green Development LLC

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 March 21, 2023
2. Executive session minutes March 21, 2023

B. TAX ABATEMENTS

Year	Amount
2018	\$73.31
Total	\$73.31

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C10

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C10

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Block Party

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Applicant Location: 187 N Brow Street, Sacred Cow, 02914

Date & Time of Function: May 28, 2023, 4:30pm- 8:00pm

Street to be closed: Cross Street from N Brow Street to Summit Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Applicant Location: 187 N Brow Street, Sacred Cow, 02914

Date & Time of Function: May 28, 2023, 4:30pm- 8:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Live Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Alexandra Kavanagh

Applicant Location: 3070 Pawtucket Avenue, St. Mary Academy, 02914

Date & Time of Function: April 28, 2023, 6:00pm- 1:00am

Type of Entertainment: Live Music, Back to the Bay Event

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Albert Cho

Applicant Location: 69 Brown Street, 02914

Date & Time of Function: April 23, 2023, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Alexandra Kavanagh

Applicant Location: 3070 Pawtucket Avenue, St. Mary Academy, 02914

Date & Time of Function: April 28, 2023, 6:00pm- 1:00am

Type of Entertainment: Live Music, Back to the Bay Event

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit
 Applicant: Joshua Berner
 Business Name: Baby Duck LLC
 Business Address: 38 Dean Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Application for license to solicit – New
 Applicant: Anthony Heroux
 Business Name: Renewal By Anderson
 Business Address: 10 Reservoir Road, Smithfield, RI 02917

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Application for license to solicit – New
 Applicant: Tyler Andrews
 Business Name: Renewal By Anderson
 Business Address: 10 Reservoir Road, Smithfield, RI 02917

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Application for license to solicit – New
 Applicant: Jennie Twyman
 Business Name: Renewal By Anderson
 Business Address: 10 Reservoir Road, Smithfield, RI 02917

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

10. Application for license to solicit – New
 Applicant: Jacob Carpentier
 Business Name: Renewal By Anderson
 Business Address: 10 Reservoir Road, Smithfield, RI 02917

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. PUBLIC HEARING – None

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 – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Traffic safety study results from Lyon Avenue and surrounding neighborhoods – Discussion only – Councilwoman Sousa
2. Collaboration of City Council and Administration to address the following East Providence Police station concerns; roof, detention area, dispatch relocation, city vehicle storage garage – Discussion only- Councilman Lawson
3. Department of Public Works Parks Department staffing levels – Discussion Only – Councilman Lawson
4. Update on Crescent Park concession, cement pad and landscaping project – Discussion Only – Councilman Lawson
5. Request of an memorandum of agreement for 24 hour, 7 day a week coverage of Station 3 Rescue – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
6. Repair of city curb on Thatcher Street, Wilson Avenue to Hoyt Avenue – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
7. March 2023 Water/Sewer projected revenue (budgeted vs. actual) – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
8. Total number of property owner requests with Northeast Revaluation for 12/31/2022 assessment – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
9. City Council hiring of outside legal counsel – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
10. Update and discussion on City Clerk hiring process – Discussion only - Council President Rodericks & Councilwoman Sousa
11. Discussion on City Charter Review Commission schedule of meetings and future process of the Commissions review – Discussion only – Council President Rodericks

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

1. 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. 18-269(b), to place a stop sign at Lyon Avenue and Mauran Avenue
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Utilities”
Summary: Section 17-183, sewer rates – option 1
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Utilities”
Summary: Section 17-183, sewer rates – option 2
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment/Reappointments not requiring Council Confirmation
 - a. Joe Gibson, re-appointment to the Tree Commission - Appointment 4 – Term 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2026
2. Items for announcement/discussion
 - a. Community Development Week – Proclamation
 - b. Letter in support of Tax Amnesty legislation

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report the City Solicitor
 - a. Claims Committee Report
 - b. H5605 and S240 sub A update of General Assembly activity

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution in support of National Community Development Week – April 10-14, 2023

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution in support of H-5948 which proposes to transfer the tax exemption classification to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution in support of H-6165 which would enable the City of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue real property tax payments

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rodericks		

4. Request for reconsideration of Resolution in support of H-6026 which would enable the City of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments and motor vehicle tax payments

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a land lease option agreement (solar canopy facility) with Green Development, LLC (East Providence Police Station)
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 13 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled, “Public Places”
Summary: Sec. 13-178, the purpose of this ordinance is to imposes a fine against a person or entity who transfers or assigns a facility permit granted by the recreation or parks division pursuant to their rules and regulations
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
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.