

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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 Fogarty - Ward 3
Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
City Clerk, Jill Seppa
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. Kay McMahan
2. Richard Silva
3. WeixangWang

B. 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.

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| 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 |
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| Fogarty | | |
| Lawson | | |
| Rego | | |
| Sousa | | |
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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes May 16, 2023

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Fogarty | | |
| Lawson | | |
| Rego | | |
| Sousa | | |
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B. TAX ABATEMENTS

| Year | Amount |
|-------|-----------|
| 2022 | \$1199.84 |
| Total | \$1199.84 |

C. Read In

- 1. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage (Beer & Wine)
Applicant: Terry Carvalho
Applicant Location: 118 Taunton Avenue, Sacred Heart Church, Holy Ghost Dinner
Date & Time of Function: May 27, 2023, 6:00pm-11:00pm

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Fogarty | | |
| Lawson | | |
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| Sousa | | |
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- 2. One Day Entertainment License – New
Applicant: Jennifer Tierney
Applicant Location: 73 Brightridge Avenue
Date & Time of Function: May 28, 2023, 4pm-11pm
Type of Entertainment: Cookout

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Fogarty | | |
| Lawson | | |
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VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C12

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C12

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Block Party

Applicant: Janeice Cabral

Applicant Location: 55 Colwell Street

Date & Time of Function: June 17, 2023, 2pm-11pm

Street to be closed: Colwell Street

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson | | |
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2. Class F Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Rita Vargas

Applicant Location: 81 N. Carpenter St & 160 Orchard St. St Francis Xavier Church

Date & Time of Function: June 16-June 18, 2023, 6:00pm-12am (Feast)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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3. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage (Beer & Wine)

Applicant: Anthony Pratico

Applicant Location: 2595 Pawtucket Avenue, St. Martha’s Church 20 week club dinner

Date & Time of Function: June 10, 2023 5:00pm-9:00pm

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson | | |
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4. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Jennifer Terceria
 Applicant Location: 59 Brightridge Avenue
 Date & Time of Function: September 30, 2023, 2pm-7pm
 Type of Entertainment: Band/DJ

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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5. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Ronny Pereira
 Applicant Location: 187 Waterman Avenue
 Date & Time of Function: July 8, 2023
 Type of Entertainment: DJ and dancing

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson | | |
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6. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Rita Vargas
 Applicant Location: 81 N. Carpenter Street, St. Francis Xavier Church (Feast)
 Date & Time of Function: June 16, 2023, 6pm-12am
 Type of Entertainment: DJ and live band

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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7. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Michael McAteer

Business Name: 119 Main LLC dba The Hot Potato Food Truck

Business Address: 34 Midland Drive, Cranston, RI 02920

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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8. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Michael Aciz

Business Name: Pams Grill LLC dba Pams Grill On The Grill

Business Address: 28 Delta Drive, Pawtucket, RI 02860

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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9. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Leroy Sanderson

Business Name: Newport Creamery

Business Address: 35 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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10. Application for Hawker License

Applicant: Keith Lambert

Business Name: New England Novelty

Business Address: 1235 Wampanoag Trail, 02915

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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11. Application for Hawker License

Applicant: Keith Lambert

Business Name: New England Novelty

Business Address: 114 Newport Avenue, 02916

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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12. Application for Second Hand Autos, Trucks, Dealers & Junkyards – Antiques

Applicant: Jay Holland

Business Name: E&M Fine Art & Antiques LLC

Business Address: 69-73 Warren Avenue, 02914

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Dance/Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Thomas Allen

Business Name: Myrtlebank LLC dba Myrtle

Business Address: 132-134 Waterman Avenue, 02914

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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2. Application for Dance/Entertainment License - Transfer
 Transfer from: Broadway Lounge Inc. dba Merrill Lounge
 Transfer to: Contenders Sports Bar LLC dba Contenders Sports Bar
 Location: 535 N. Broadway, 02916

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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3. BV Liquor License – Transfer
 Transfer from: Broadway Lounge Inc. dba Merrill Lounge
 Transfer to: Contenders Sports Bar LLC dba Contenders Sports Bar
 Location: 535 N. Broadway, 02916

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. St. Margaret’s Mock Trial Team – 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.

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

1. Appointment to the City Council Veterans Committee – Donna Palumbo – Councilman Lawson

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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2. Appointment to the City Council Veterans Committee – Jon Baptista – Councilmen Vice President Rego

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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3. Appointment to the City Council Veterans Committee – Anthony Ballirano – Councilman President Rodericks

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Welcome the newest members of the East Providence Police Department - Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
2. Acknowledge and congratulate all city residents who graduated from their respective schools - Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
3. Summer Kickoff/Food truck Fun event organized by Stephanie Melo-Discussion only- Council Vice President Rego
4. Update on Speed Control Signs for Don Ave. & Kelly Ave. – Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
5. Glenylon Field walking path upgrade and lighting update - Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego

6. Mutual aid rescue calls requested by the city for each month of 2023 (Jan-May), total to be broken down by each city and town that is sending rescues into the city- Discussion only – Council Vice President Rego
7. Review of Community Meeting at the Rifle Range at Kimberly Ann Rock Complex – Discussion only – Council President Rodericks and Council Vice President Rego
8. Inventory of issued handicap signs, annual renewals and placements – Discussion only – Councilwomen Sousa
9. Additional no parking signs on Walnut Street south towards Taunton Avenue – Discussion only – Councilwomen Sousa

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

1. Ordinances in amendment of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended
Summary: Sec. 2-272, 2-281, 19-36, 2-66-2-81, 2-201-2-206, 2-228, 2-229-2-235, 4-62, 8-576-8-577, 2-51-2-55, 2-196-2-200, 13-82, 13-191-13-199, 2-238, 11-1, 11-3, 11-95, 13-83, 13-84, 14-53, 2-190, 11-153, 11-245, 14-52, 19-490, updating various provisions of the code of ordinances regarding the appointing authority under the 2017 home rule charter amendment and repealing defunct boards and commissions
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 11 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Military Duty”
Summary: Sec 11-93, authorizing the pay differential for qualified employees who are deployed for 365 days or less in the armed forces
Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment/Reappointments requiring Council Confirmation

- a. Richard Brown, appointment to the Economic Development Commission – Term 11/22/2022 - 11/21/2027

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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- b. Thomas E. Brun, Reappointment to Economic Development Commission- Term 11/30/21-11/29/26

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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2. Items for announcement/discussion

- a. Riverside Square Revitalization Assessment and Recommendation- Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves
- b. April Capital Expenses Revenues update – Director of Finance, Malcolm Moore
- c. Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation-Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves
- d. National Immigrant Heritage Month Proclamation- Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves
- e. Juneteenth Day Observation Proclamation- Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves
- f. Welcome to the Golden Rule Proclamation- Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

3. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1. Report of City Solicitor
 - a. Claims Committee Report

4. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

5. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. Resolution in support of H6183 and S308 which propose to authorize municipalities to establish rules and regulations and issue licenses for short-term rentals.

Sponsor – Councilwomen Sousa

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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- 2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended coast sharing agreement with the Bristol County Water Authority for Phase II of the Pawtucket pipeline connection project.

Sponsor – Council President Rodericks

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Sousa | | |
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6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - 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: Section 18-302, no parking Horsford Avenue (west side) from Holmes Avenue northerly for 160 feet between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on school days.

Sponsor; Council Vice President Rego

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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| 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.