

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjcKR47VMil1LA>

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, Andreza (Andy) Skipworth

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes 6/24/2025
2. Executive session meeting minutes 6/24/2025

B. TAX ABATEMENTS: Cancellation/Abatements

YEAR	AMOUNT
2025 Tax Roll	\$10,634.16
TOTAL	<u>\$10,634.16</u>

C. LETTERS

1. New address_ 39 Winsor St., E. Providence, RI, Map 207, Block 03, Parcel 010.00

D. READ IN

1. Special Events one day Entertainment License

Applicant: Armando Medeiros

Business Name: Teofilo Braga Club (Bands, DJ & Live Music)

Address of Event: 26 Teofilo Braga Way

Date & Time: 7/11/2025 – 7/13/2025; 7pm – 12am

2. Special Event Alcoholic License Class F

Applicant: Armando Medeiros

Business Name: Teofilo Braga Club

Address of Event: 26 Teofilo Braga Way

Date & Time: 7/11/2025 – 7/13/2025; 7pm – 12am

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES C1 - C11

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES C1 - C11

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Event – Alcohol License Class F

Applicant: Alba Curti

Business Name: East Providence Heritage Arts Inc.

Address of Event: Pierce Memorial Stadium

Date & Time: 8/2/2025; 2pm – 10pm

2. One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: Alba Curti

Business Name: East Providence Heritage Arts Inc.

Address of Event: Pierce Memorial Stadium

Date & Time: 8/2/2025; 2pm – 10pm

3. Special Event Alcoholic License Class F

Applicant: Cameron Rancourt

Business Name: Rhodes Races & Events Inc.

Address of Event: Bold Point Park

Date & Time: 5/3/26; 7am – 2pm

4. Special Events One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: Joseph A. Braga

Business Name: Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense (Bands, DJ & Live Music)

Address of Event: 846 Broadway, East Providence

Date & Time: 7/25/2025 – 7/27/2025; 7pm – 12am

5. Special Events One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: Lucy Fontaine

Business Name: Lodge 2337 BPO Elks

Address of Event: 60 Berkeley Street

Date & Time: 8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025; 5pm – 11pm

6. Special Event Alcoholic License Class F1

Applicant: Joseph A. Braga

Business Name: Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense

Address of Event: 846 Broadway, East Providence

Date & Time: 7/25/2025-7/27/2025; 7pm – 12am

7. Road Race

Applicant: Cameron Rancourt

Business Name: Rhode Races & Events Inc.

Address of Event: Bold Point Park

Date & time: 5/3/2026; 7:30am – 1:30pm

8. Road Race

Applicant: Reilly Johnston

Business Name: Backyard 5K

Address of Event: East Bay Bike Path

Date & time: 8/9/25; 5:30pm – 8:30pm

9. New Victualing License

Applicant: Michael Durrett

Business Name: Big Mikes Smokehouse LLC

Address: 35 Warren Avenue, East Providence

10. Sunday & Holidays

Applicant: Michael Durrett

Business Name: Big Mikes Smokehouse LLC

Address: 35 Warren Avenue, East Providence

11. Special Events One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: John Fuzek

Business Name: Rhode Island Folk Festival

Address of Event: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue

Date & time: 8/24/2025; 8am – 8pm

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Type of License: Class B Liquor License – Transfer

Applicant: Timothy Cabral

Business Name: Good Venture Holding Inc. to TRC Restaurant Corp.dba Midici Italian Kitchen

Location: 75 Highland Avenue, East Providence

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

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.

1. Nicole Grant – Proposed legalize backyard hens
2. Shawna Swift – Opposition – development plan for Oldham School

XIII. 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.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - None

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Request to move \$7,716.90 funds from the Live Nation Recreation Fund to the Carousel account to cover the cost of the Food and Wine pairing event – Councilman Lawson
2. Request for update from the administration on the following outstanding projects
 - Sabin Point stormwater project funded by the Volkswagen settlement
 - Sabin Point Kayak Launch

- Providence Ave Splash Pad
 - Update on the next step in getting the former Oldham building open as a community center, what is the cost for HVAC, interior restoration and remediation of mold and asbestos?
 - Request for update on the Crescent Park upgrades
 - Gazebo, parking lot, and tree removal for Willett Pond
 - Councilman Lawson
3. Update Glenlyon Park and Lyle Bourne Park improvements - Council Vice President Rego
 4. Update on businesses along Newport Avenue - Council Vice President Rego

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

1. Ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$275,000 for unanticipated costs associated with building renovations/improvements to the police station.

Summary: The purpose of this Ordinance is to allocate two hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$275,000) for unanticipated costs associated with building renovations/improvements to the police station from City Capital

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance adopting the 2025-2035 East Providence Comprehensive Plan – *To be continued to the August 19, 2025*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. 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: Subsection (b) of Sec. 18-269. The purpose of this ordinance is to place a stop sign at Irving Avenue (northbound and southbound traffic) at Blanche Avenue and Irving Avenue (northbound and southbound traffic) at What Cheer Avenue
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. An ordinance in amendment of Section 18-308 entitled “Parking Time Limitations – 15 Minutes” of Article X entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” of Chapter 18 by adding thereto the following: Bullocks Point Avenue (East Side), from 190 feet north of Fenner Avenue northerly for 40 feet.
Summary: Sec 18-308. The purpose of this ordinance is to place a 15 minute parking sign on Bullocks Point Avenue (east side) from 190 feet north of Fenner Avenue northerly for 40ft
Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Chief of Staff Patricia Resende

1. Items for announcement/discussion
 - a. 2025 Never Give up Day - August 18, 2025
 - b. 2025 Indian Independence Day – August 15, 2025
 - c. 2025 Gastroparesis Awareness Month – Month of August

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS – None

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON - None

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for HVAC/mechanical work for the East Providence Community Center in the amount of \$999,200

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for electrical work for the East Providence Community Center in the amount of \$938,130

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution requesting the expenditure of funds (\$7,716.90) from the Live Nation Recreation Fund for the Food and Wine Pairing Event at Crescent Park

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Animals”

Summary: Sec. 3-4 Residential chicken hens permit.

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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: Subsection (c) of Sec. 18-268. The purpose of this ordinance is to place a do not enter, local traffic only sign

Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Administration”

Summary: Section 2-298, allocation of speed and red-light camera funds towards the school building fund

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 5 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Fire Prevention”

Summary: Section 5-57 Solicitation at Fire Scenes – Prohibited Conduct

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.

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