

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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:  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mourato \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks \_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Britto \_\_\_\_\_

**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. William & Susan Dorney
2. James Lombardo
3. Kittichai Promrat
4. Rathbone Group

B. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Cheryl Curti vs. City of East Providence, R.I. Commission for Human Rights, RICHR No. 21 ESE 071-05/03  
Discussion, update and possible vote to authorize compromise

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes July 19, 2022

**B. LETTERS**

1. Notice of New Property Number, Richard Palumbo, 56 Fenmore Street (02914), Map 307, Block 12, Parcel 002.10

2. Notice of new Property Number, State of RIDOT, 308 Bourne Avnue (02916), Map 203, Block 1, Parcel 005.00

**C. TAX ABATEMENTS**

Year	Amount
2015	\$348.84
2016	\$362.84
2018	\$364.63
2019	\$467.07
2020	\$614.51
2021	\$636.98
2022	\$3712.26
Total	\$6880.07

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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

**A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C8**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C8**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. One Day Entertainment License – New  
 Applicant: Mackenzie Davidson  
 Location: 1058 Bullocks Point Ave, 02915  
 Date & Time of Function: September 10, 2022, 4pm- 8pm  
 Type of Entertainment: 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Application for Victualing – Class 3- New

Applicant: Kim Nunes

Business Name: Teddy’s Candy Bar & More LLC

Business Address: 220 Willett Avenue, 02915

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Application for Sunday/Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Kim Nunes

Business Name: Teddy’s Candy Bar & More LLC

Business Address: 220 Willett Avenue, 02915

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Lisa Benvie

Business Name: Blount Find Foods dba Blount Clam Shack Food Truck

Business Address: 406 Water Street, Warren, RI

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Application for Sunday/Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Melanie DiMascolo

Business Name: Bag It All, LLC

Business Address: 310 Bourne Ave, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit  
 Applicant: Steven Scullion  
 Business Name: Steven Scullion dba Scully’s Cart  
 Business Address: 6 Time Street, North Providence

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit  
 Applicant: Steven Gomes  
 Business Name: Best Dogs LLC  
 Business Address: 77 Cushman Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

8. Application for Sunday/Holiday Sales - New  
 Applicant: Ruby Nguyen  
 Business Name: Bossy Nails LLC  
 Business Address: 1925 Pawtucket Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**B. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation and possible acceptance of the City of East Providence’s revised 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan – City of East Providence Planning Department

**IX. 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. Riverside Recreation Field – Letter to be read from Eleanor Foeri

**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. Community event, bike helmet give away for children, August 27, 2022 at the American Legion, 830 Willett Avenue, from 11am-1pm – Councilman Mourato Announcement
2. Enforcement of the short term rental and illegal motorized vehicles/mini dirt bikes – Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion

**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 not requiring Council confirmation
  - a. Jeremy Spurr to Conservation Commission, term expiring 01/01/2025
2. Items for discussion
  - a. July 2022 General Fund Expenses/Capital Expenses – Director of Finance Malcolm Moore
  - b. Senior Center Improvements – Improvements to the Senior Center grounds (landscaping and walkways) have begun as of August 10, 2022

c. Carousel Opening – After a long and difficult stabilization project, we are happy to report that the Carousel is open for residents. Saturdays and Sundays noon to 6pm. Ticket are \$2 each.

d. East Providence Neighborhood Day Coalition – On Saturday, August, 20, 2022 EPHEZ will be hosting our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Day Celebration at the Onna Moniz Playground/Central Avenue Park. It's a safe and fun-filled day of activities ranging from the Memorial Walk, Police and Fire Department demonstrations, a live DJ, field games, face-painting, free back-to-school backpack giveaways, hamburgers, hot dogs, basketball tournaments and Senior Citizen Bingo. Last year we had over 200 people and we plan for this year to be even bigger.

e. City receives Rhode Island Commerce Awards:

1. \$75K to implement the recently completed citywide interpretive signage plan. Funding will be used to support research, writing, image acquisition and graphic production for signage.

2. \$75K for the capital investment of lighting including the receptacles along the East Bay Bike Path to enable small and large events to be held in the evening hours and for a portable stage, portable audio system and pop-up canopies.

f. Mayor recently signs the following grand agreements:

1. \$400K Kent Heights Recreational Facility w \$100K match – Renovation of the Kent Heights Recreational Facility including resurfacing /grading existing multiuse athletic field, new futsal court, accessible walking path and play equipment, landscaping benches and bike racks; Grassy Plains, Trail Head Signings.

2. East Providence Project: Grassy Plains Park Grant: \$72,030 this project includes a new parking lot at the Grassy Plains Park trailhead, along with a mile and a half of mixed biking and hiking trails and a half-mile long fully accessible paved trail.

3. East Providence Project: Trailhead Kiosks Grant \$11,000 This project includes installation of kiosks at Willett Pond trail, Hunt's Mills trail, Turner Reservoir Loop trail, and Boyden Heights Conservation Area trailheads.

f. East Providence Community Center: The East Providence community center is on the 11 projects the Congressman David N. Cicilline submitted to the Appropriations Committee. The funding would be used to support the development of a community center for use by youth, families, older resident, and civic organizations. The new center would allow East Providence to offer recreation programming, job training, health monitoring services, public safety training, community meetings, and more. The center would also be utilized by the East Providence Police Department to conduct training and community police

outreach programming. City residents have expressed their support for additional recreational space via the approval of two voter referendums to issue bonds for construction of a new recreation center. The City lacks community space, and the addition of this Center would be a tremendous resource where residents could easily access key programming and services.

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Claims Committee Report

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

1. Resolution in support of proposed legislation allowing the Brain Injury association of Rhode Island Inc. exemption from taxation on real and tangible property

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of two pickup trucks for the Water Utilities Division

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Excavator for the Department of Public Works Highway Division

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Resolution adopting the 2022 City of East Providence, Rhode Island Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

*Requested by: Fire Chief/Director of EMA*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract amendment with Acradis U.S. Inc. for engineering services related to the water pollution control facility concrete restoration and lining project

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. Resolution accepting and ratifying the modifications of the 2003 East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Plan and Amended Boundaries and accepting 9.062 acres as lot B shown herein

*Sponsor: Council President Britto*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**D. 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 18-307, No parking Commack Avenue*

*Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon*

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: Section 18-247, Providence Avenue (south bound), from Beacon Park Drive to Sunset Avenue, one-way street during the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm and 3:00pm on school days*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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: Section 18-269, Stop sign on Allen Avenue (westbound traffic) at Smith Street*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. 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 18-247, One-way during the hours of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm on school days: Blanche Avenue (eastbound), from Orlo Avenue to Irving Avenue; Bourne Avenue (westbound) from Brayton Avenue to Hoyt Avenue; Clifford Street (eastbound), from Bishop Avenue to Pawtucket Avenue; Dodge Street (northbound), from Silver Spring Avenue to Hilltop Road; Fort Street (eastbound), from Fifth Street to Seventh Street; Glenrose Drive (eastbound) from Lantern Lane to Ferncrest Drive; Grosvenor Avenue (eastbound), from North Hull Street to North County Street; Howland Avenue (westbound), from Dover Avenue to Pawtucket Avenue; Hoyt Avenue (northbound), from Bourne Avenue to Thatcher Street; Progress Street (southbound), from Heath Street to Silver Spring Avenue; Purchase Street (northbound), from Orchard Street to Grove Avenue; Silver Spring Avenue (westbound), from Progress Street to Dodge Street; Wannamoisett Road (eastbound), from Dover avenue to Pawtucket*

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks & Councilman Cahoon*

**E. FY23 Budget Hearing Date Schedule**

1. Discussion and possible vote on FY23 budget hearing dates

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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.