

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES 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 X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa Absent Britto X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- *Salute to the flag led by Council President Britto*

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

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa Absent Britto X

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 4-0.*

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

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

- *Motion made by Council vice President Rodericks to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C8

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to bundle. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C8

- *Motion to approve bundle made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

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: 60th 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

- *Planning Director William Fazioli and EMA Project Manager Wayne Barnes speak to the City of East Providence’s revised 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.*
- *Councilman Cahoon inquires as to the times frame the plan is updated. Wayne Barnes affirms the plan is looked at annually and updated every 5 years.*

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

- *Letter read by Deputy City Clerk Leah Stoddard*

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.

Name	Docket Item
Candy Seel	Waterfront District Amendment
Heather Andrade	Waterfront District Amendment
Dan Baudouin	Waterfront District Amendment
Jane Crevier – Passed	Waterfront District Amendment
William Conley	Waterfront District Amendment
Michael Cassidy	Waterfront District Amendment

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

- *Councilman Mourato announces the community the time and place of the event*

2. Enforcement of the short term rental and illegal motorized vehicles/mini dirt bikes – Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion

- *Councilman Mourato asks to move the item to the September 6, 2022 Council meeting*

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

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the qualifications of Jeremy Spurr*

2. Items for discussion

- a. July 2022 General Fund Expenses/Capital Expenses – Director of Finance Malcolm Moore

- *Finance Director Malcolm Moore explains the July 2022 budget*

b. Senior Center Improvements – Improvements to the Senior Center grounds (landscaping and walkways) have begun as of August 10, 2022

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the items.*

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.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*

d. East Providence Neighborhood Day Coalition – On Saturday, August, 20, 2022 EPHEZ will be hosting our 30th 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.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*

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.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the items.*

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.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the items.*

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.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Claims Committee Report

- *Solicitor Michael Marcello reads 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

- *Council Vice President states the exemption amount is \$276.04 and will not convey to another business*

- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

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

- ***DPW Director Daniel Borges states these vehicles are replacing the older deteriorating vehicles, allocated from Capital improvement previously***
- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

4. Resolution adopting the 2022 City of East Providence, Rhode Island Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
Requested by: Fire Chief/Director of EMA

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

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

- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

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

- ***Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to amend 9.062 to the correct acreage of 9.602. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.***

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

- ***Councilman Cahoon proposes to amend the proposed amendment to the resolution to ratify the Waterfront District Commission’s Amendment to the 2003 Waterfront***

- *Special Development District Plan so as to eliminate any and all references to the word hotel except in the use table*
- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-1.*

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

- *Councilman Cahoon proposes to amend the proposed amendment to the resolution to ratify the Waterfront District Commission’s Amendment to the 2003 Waterfront Special Development District Plan to include under section 3 item b of exhibit A, beginning with “the scale of development and ending with peer review study”*
- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-1.*

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

- *Councilman Cahoon moves to approve the resolution accepting and ratifying the modification the 2003 Waterfront Special Development District Plan and amended boundaries and accepting 9.602 acres as lot b shown herein as amended here tonight*
- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-1.*

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

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

- **20 foot long section only**
- **Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

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

- **Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

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

- **Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

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

- **Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

E. FY23 Budget Hearing Date Schedule

1. Discussion and possible vote on FY23 budget hearing dates

- **Dates set as follows:
August 30, 2022 at 6:30pm**

*September 8, 2022 at 7:00pm
September 14, 2022 at 6:30pm*

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa		
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: September 6, 2022

Attest: *Leah Goddard* deputy city clerk
City Clerk

Proposed Amendment to the Resolution to Ratify the Waterfront District Commission's Amendment to the 2003 Waterfront District Plan to Include the Metacomet Subdistrict

**Submitted to the East Providence City Council by Keep Metacomet Green
August 16, 2022**

Section II. Add as second paragraph under "Metacomet Sub-District":

"An important overarching issue is the extensive community interest in this project. In addition to others, two major issues have been identified. One is the limitation of traffic generation so that there is no negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and on the Veterans Memorial Parkway. The second is to maintain and enhance the Parkway as a current Rhode Island Scenic Roadway, to pursue its designation as a national scenic roadway, and to complete the nomination process for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The golf course and Parkway were developed simultaneously more than 100 years ago, and the resulting views have been cherished by the community ever since.

Section III. Add subsections (b), (c), and (d) under "Issues":

"(b) the scale of development shall be limited to the traffic capacity of the Veterans Memorial Parkway to service such development without the addition of traffic lights, as is called for in the language for the Veterans Memorial Parkway Sub-District .

"The access road from the Veterans Memorial Parkway must be carefully designed to be safe and efficient; the scale of development shall be limited by the traffic capacity of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, as is called for in the language of the Kettle Point Sub-District.

"The Waterfront District Commission shall contract for a peer review of the traffic study to be provided by the developer. The developer shall provide funds to the Waterfront District Commission for the peer review study."

"(c) All of the requirements for the Parkway currently included in the Waterfront District Plan, particularly the Critical Issues related to the Veterans Memorial Parkway shall be followed. Moreover, because of the historic relationship and unique scenic qualities of the Parkway and Metacomet, as well as the Parkway's designation as a Rhode Island Scenic Roadway and its eligibility for National Historic Register status, extraordinary buffer zones and landscaped areas will be necessary along the Parkway frontage. "

"(d) Because of extensive community interest in this project, measures will be taken to ensure that the community is involved in all decisions related to this development."