

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, September 21, 2021

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

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)

1. Claims and Sewer Abatements

- New Claims
  - Stephen Enos
  - Ikema Ezikpe
  - Joseph LaGreca
  - Gregory Silva
  - Travelers Home & Marine Ins. Co. (Ins: Jennie Parmentier)
  - Edward Vieira

2. Open Meetings Act Complaint

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Keep Metacomet Green vs. City of East Providence. Open Meetings Act complaint dated 9/14/2021

3. Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Update

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation -Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804

– Update and possible vote on proposed settlement

4. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(4) - Any investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct related to statements of the City Clerk concerning Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and procedure as stated during Public Comment at the 08/17/21 City Council meeting – Assistant City Solicitor Dylan

**IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A) COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes July 20, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Regular meeting minutes September 7, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Budget Session meeting minutes September 8, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**B. Tax Abatements**

Year	Amount
2021	\$9,003.58
Total	\$9,003.58

**C. Previously Approved Permits/Licenses (Read In)**

1. One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Abel Tavares

Location: 64 Apulia Street

Date & Time of Event: September 18, 2021 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm

Type of Entertainment: 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

**VII. LICENSES**

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Application for Bingo License**

Applicant: Sacred Heart Church

Location: 118 Taunton Ave.

Date of Event: December 4, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**2. One Day Entertainment License**

Applicant: Brian Kacmarsky/Riverside Little League

Location: Ron Silva Baseball Complex

Date & Time of Event: September 25, 2021 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Type of Entertainment: acoustic guitar & vocal

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**3. Class F Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage**

Applicant: Stevie D’s Riverside Tavern

Location: Ron Silva Baseball Complex

Date & Time of Event: September 25, 2021, rain date 10/9/2021

Type of Event: Little League Fundraiser

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**4. One Day Entertainment**

Applicant: Jessica Mayette DBA JDP Theatre Co.

Location: 1336 Pawtucket Ave.

Date & Time of Event: October 23, 2021 & October 30, 2021 from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Small music and dance performance on lawn

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**5. Class F Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage**

Applicant: Jessica Mayette

Location: 1336 Pawtucket Ave.

Date & Time of Event: October 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31

Type of Event: Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**6. Mobile Food Establishment License**

Applicant: Bram Stebbings

Business: Handsome Sam (Limited Liability Company)

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**7. Application for Victualing License – Class 3**

Applicant: Qiufu Billy Liu

Business: China Gourmet Inc.

Address: 656 Bullocks Point Ave.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**8. Application for Holiday Sales**

Applicant: Qiufu Billy Liu

Business: China Gourmet Inc.

Address: 656 Bullocks Point Ave.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**9. One Day Entertainment**

Applicant: Dominique Abatecola

Location: 625 Taunton Ave.

Date & Time of Event: October 17, 2021 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Type of Entertainment: DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**10. Class F-1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage**

Applicant: Maryellen Girard

Location: 10 Tripps Lane

Date & Time of Event: September 22, 2021

Type of Event: Donor Celebration

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**B. LICENSING REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - None**

**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.*

**A. Community Family Friendly 5K race date change – Nick Rebar**  
 Original date – September 26, 2021; new date – October 24, 2021  
 Start and finish location: Greenwood Avenue at Rumford Center

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**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. Library Board – Reappointment - Elizabeth Ingraham, term to expire 10/20/2024  
*Council President Britto*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Library Board – Reappointment - Kathy Dias, term to expire 10/20/2024  
*Council President Britto*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		



**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**1. Request to rescind Scorpio Towing application for wrecking/towing license**

**Sec. 8 - 523 – Vote**

Councilman Mourato

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**2. Community Meeting September 23, 2021 at 6:00pm – Discussion Only**

Councilman Mourato

**3. Chicken ordinance update as previously tabled on August 17, 2021– Discussion Only**

Councilwoman Sousa

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Ordinance for second passage**

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 - 307 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, RI, 1998, as amended, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

*Summary: moving the no parking sign from the south side of the street to the north side on Sunset Avenue. Special markings to be painted in designated areas.*

*Sponsor: Councilman Mourato*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month
2. EO-2021-015 – extension of municipal emergency (Dir. Napoleon Gonsalves)
3. Request for report of investigation findings regarding allegations made by City Clerk to be made public (Asst. Solicitor Dylan Conley)
4. Announcement of Halloween Car parade to be held on Oct. 30, 2021 (Dir. Napoleon Gonsalves)
5. Fall 2021 Comprehensive Plan Workshop Dates (Sept. 28, Sept. 30, Oct. 5, Oct. 7). All will be held at the Senior Center – 610 Waterman Ave. East Providence (William Fazioli)
6. Requests of the Administration before the Council for the Council Action  
- Executive order 2021-15 – Extension of Municipal Emergency

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. Mayor's message of disapproval and veto of changes to traffic patterns as passed by the City Council on August 17, 2021 entitled "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"

**B) REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. DPW Director, Dan Borges
  - Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 38 Baker Street  
*Requested by Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. DPW Director, Dan Borges

- Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 128 Freeborn Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Release of Assistant Solicitor Report related to allegations of City Clerk, Samantha Burnett

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Report of the City Solicitor

- Claims Committee Report

**D) RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for audio/video and data storage for the police station

*Sponsor: Council President Britto*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to convey property located at 1320 Pawtucket Avenue (Union Primary School)

*Sponsor: Council President Britto & Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Resolution authorizing the assignment of a city-owned tower lease located at 301 Lyon Avenue

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**E) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – First Passage**

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: Change the 2-way stop at Dover and Howland into a 4-way stop.*

*Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**F) ORDINANCES VETOED BY THE MAYOR**

1. City Council consideration and possible vote to override/sustain veto of the Mayor of 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" (Sec. 18-12. Changes to Traffic Patterns and Sec. 18-76. Authority to install traffic control devices).

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

**XVI. FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW**

1. Canvassing
2. City Council
3. City Clerk

**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, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

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"

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION I.** Section 18-307 entitled "Parking prohibited at all times" of Article X entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is amended to read as follows:

Sunset Avenue (~~south~~ north side) from Bullocks Point Avenue to Providence Avenue

Sunset Avenue, north side, five (5) 18-foot space directly across from the driveways leading to the driveway of 680 Bullocks Point Avenue which is accessed from Sunset Avenue, 12 Sunset Avenue, 18 Sunset Avenue, 22 Sunset Avenue, and 26 Sunset Avenue. The five (5) designated no parking areas, as indicated, will be marked with a box painted on the roadway and painted (NO PARKING) within the box.

**SECTION II.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage \_\_\_\_\_ and referred to \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Councilman Mourato



City of East Providence  
Office of the Mayor  
Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

Sept. 16, 2021

Robert Britto  
Council President  
East Providence City Council  
145 Taunton Ave.  
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: Mayor Communications & Docket items – Sept. 21, 2021 Docket

Dear Council President Britto and Members of the Council,  
Please see information Mayor Communications and requests of the Administration before the Council:

**Mayor Communications:** Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

**1. Appointment requiring Council Confirmation**

- None

**2. Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation**

- None

**3. Items for announcement/discussion**

- EO-2021-015 – extension of municipal emergency (Dir. Napoleon Gonsalves)
- Request for report of investigation findings regarding allegations made by City Clerk to be made public (Dylan Conley)
- Announcement of Halloween Car Parade to be held on Oct. 30, 2021 (Dir. Napoleon Gonsalves)
- Fall 2021 Comprehensive Plan Workshop Dates (Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>) All will be held at the Senior Center 610 Waterman Ave. East Providence (Dir. William Fazioli)

**4. Requests of the Administration before the Council for Council Action**

- Executive Order – 015 – Extension of Municipal Emergency

Sincerely,

Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

# Proclamation



For the City of East Providence by His Honor  
Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva

## "Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month"

WHEREAS, The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline toll-free number, 1-800-273-8255 connects the caller to a certified crisis center near where the call is placed; and

WHEREAS, September is known globally as "Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month" created to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to continue the conversation on mental health and the impact of suicide; and

WHEREAS, we must help destigmatize the conversation about mental health and help connect people with the appropriate support services within the community; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among adults, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 48,000 people died by suicide across the United States in 2018, with an average of 132 suicides completed daily; and

WHEREAS, each and every suicide directly impacts a minimum of 100 additional people, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members; and

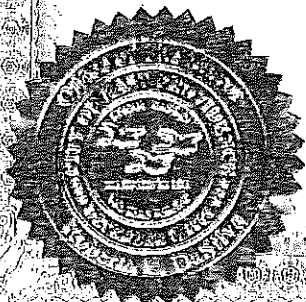
WHEREAS, the City of East Providence publicly places its full support behind those who work in the field of mental health who work in educating and ending the stigma of mental health; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to take the time to understand the importance of mental health education and recognize that taking care of ourselves and others includes taking care of mental health.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, on behalf of the city of East Providence, do hereby proclaim the month of September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month.

In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of East Providence to be hereunto affixed this 1st day of September, 2021.

Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor







*City of East Providence  
Office of the Mayor*

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-015  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

*EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-014, DATED AUGUST 23, 2021 Entitled  
Declaration of state of municipal emergency*

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2021, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva issued Executive Order 2021-014 declaring a Municipal State of Emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Law §§30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the Home Rule Charter of the City of East Providence, Article III, Section 3-5(9), permit the Mayor to declare a State of Municipal Emergency for the purpose of taking action to protect the health, safety and security of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§30-15-12(b) and 30-15-9(e)(1) permit the Mayor to suspend the provisions of any statute, regulation, or requirement prescribing the procedures for the conduct of city business, or the orders, rules, regulations of any city, board, or agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation will in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-9(e)(3) and (7), and 30-15-12(b), permit the Mayor to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of City departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; to control ingress and egress to and from high-risk areas, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and to take the appropriate measure for the protection of health, safety, and welfare of the people of the city/town and to prevent or minimize the loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of East Providence, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the City of East Providence, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Executive Order 2021-014, entitled "Declaration of State of Municipal Emergency," declared August 23, 2021 is hereby extended.

This Executive Order shall take effect on September 21, 2021 in full force and effect, and, with the consent of the City Council, it shall remain in effect until Tuesday, October 19, 2021, unless renewed, modified, or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

Roberto DaSilva

So Ordered:

Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor



City of East Providence  
Office of the Mayor  
Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

Sept. 14, 2021

Council President Robert Britto  
East Providence City Hall  
145 Taunton Ave.  
East Providence, RI 02914

Dear Council President Britto and members of the City Council:

At the August 17, 2021 meeting of the City Council, the City Clerk, Samantha Burnett, under communications, addressed the Council on the alleged "lack of ADA and Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action resources and protection against discrimination in the City of East Providence." During her comments, the City Clerk made numerous allegations against City employees including the Director of Administration and the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. When the Director of Administration approached the podium to respond, he was not afforded the opportunity to address the City Council.

Since that time, the City Council instructed the Assistant City Solicitor Dylan Conley, to conduct an investigation of the allegations levied by Ms. Burnett at that public meeting. It is my understanding that Assistant Solicitor Conley presented his findings in a written report in executive session on September 7, 2021 as noted on the city council's agenda.

To date, the findings of that report have not been made public.

The Administration categorically denies the allegations made by the City Clerk and takes great pride in being responsive and providing a safe, supportive, equal opportunity work environment.

I am asking that the City Council release the full report and findings of Assistant Solicitor Conley, to my office and to the public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberto L. DaSilva".

Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

East Providence



Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

A Community with a Vision

## PATHWAY TO 2040

Comprehensive Plan  
2020 - 2040

*We have a historic past  
and a bold future. Let's  
move forward together to  
map our City's plan.*

# FALL 2021 TOPIC WORKSHOPS!

*Come participate this fall in four topic-oriented public workshops to help us shape the comprehensive plan and have your voices heard on these important topics!*

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## TOPIC WORKSHOP DETAILS

All workshops will be held at the East Providence Senior Center from 6PM-8PM  
610 Waterman Ave, East Providence

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH:**

*Housing & Equity/Public Health Workshop*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH:**

*Historic/Cultural Resources & City Services Workshop*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH:**

*Economic Development/Waterfront & Transportation/Connectivity Workshop*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH:**

*Recreation/Open Space & Natural Resources/Climate Change Workshop*

*All attendees must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, to comply with the CDC and the City of East Providence's guidance on masking in public places.*

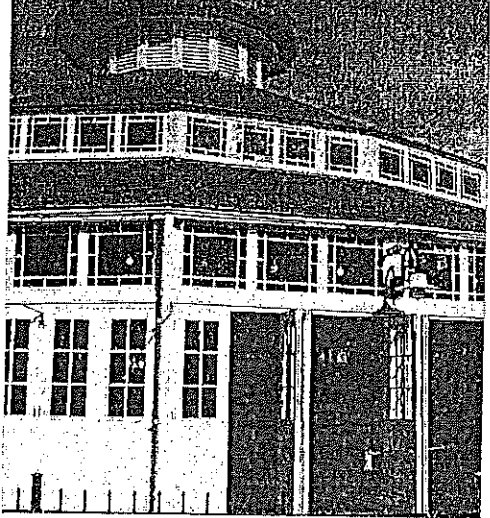
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## WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Go to [eastprovidenceri.gov/community](http://eastprovidenceri.gov/community)

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Department of Planning and Economic Development at 401-435-7500 EXT 11150





City of East Providence  
Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 14, 2021

**CONTACT INFO.:**

Office of the Mayor

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**East Providence to host fall 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan workshops**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – Mayor Bob DaSilva is excited to announce another opportunity for residents to talk about the City’s future. The City of East Providence will be hosting a series of events in September and October as part of its Comprehensive Plan update process.

The Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for the City’s future. This important document is used by local officials and city department to guide decisions that can help and support residents and local businesses.

The Comprehensive Plan covers a wide range of issues that impact our quality of life, including our neighborhoods, where we shop, parks and playgrounds, public services, historic sites and buildings, local employers, and even how we get around the city. The Plan talks about where we are as a community, where we want to be in the next 10 to 20 years, and how we are going to get there. Therefore, ensuring all residents have a say in the plan is vital to the success of the planning process.

As a follow-up to the four Ward meetings in April and community survey, a series of workshops will dig deeper into issues that shape the quality of life in the City. Attendees will be able to talk with neighbors about specific challenges that East Providence may face in the next 10 to 20 years, and how to use its strengths to overcome barriers to meet those challenges.

“These workshops will be topic-specific, so residents may have meaningful discussions about important issues,” Mayor DaSilva said. “We have received input through the four Ward meetings in April and the community survey.

“These community workshops will give us the opportunity to discuss how we can address the needs of our community and prepare for the future.”

The following workshops will be held at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Ave., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

**Tuesday, September 28:** Housing, Equity, and Public Health

**Thursday, Sept. 30:** Historic and Cultural Resources and City Services

**Tuesday, Oct. 5:** Economic Development, Waterfront, and Transportation

**Thursday, Oct. 7:** Recreation and Open Space, Natural Resources, & Climate Change

During each workshop, attendees can expect a short presentation on the status of the Comprehensive Plan process and an overview of data and trends. Small groups will confirm the issues, needs, and aspirations voiced to date and discuss how to move the City forward by setting clear goals, objectives, and strategies for the Comprehensive Plan.

Director of Planning and Economic Development William Fazioli, continues to stress the importance of public participation throughout the update process.

“Ideas generated at the workshops will help the Comprehensive Plan become a document that has real actions with public support,” Fazioli said.

Residents can learn about the Comprehensive Plan and why it is important on the City’s website, <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/community>. They are encouraged to visit often to find the latest information on the update process and how to share their ideas.

*For more information please contact: Director of Planning and Economic Development William Fazioli at [wfazioli@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:wfazioli@eastprovidenceri.gov).*



## City of East Providence

Office of the Mayor

Roberto L. DaSilva

Mayor

### MESSAGE OF DISAPPROVAL

Pursuant to Article III, section 3-6(2) of the East Providence Home Rule Charter, I am returning the attached Ordinance passed by the City Council on August 17, 2021 and transmitted to the Office of Mayor on August 25, 2021 for my consideration.

I disapprove of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Section 18-12 contains purportedly new language which would prohibit the change of traffic patterns without the express consent of the City Council. The ordinance is silent as to the manner or method in which the City Council expresses its consent. Is such consent demonstrated by ordinance or resolution or some other method? The Ordinance is therefore ambiguous and incomplete.

Moreover, as written, the ordinance is overly broad and restrictive in that it would not allow any change to traffic patterns, even those necessitated by road construction, an accident scene, fire, or some other event that may require such a change. For instance, the installation or repair of a sidewalk may require the City or its contractors to close a portion of a city street or divert traffic from two lanes to one lane in the same direction. Our City water and sewer divisions may have to divert traffic or change traffic patterns to effectuate the installation, removal, or repair of such utilities either on a short- or long-term basis, but such diversion or change in traffic patterns could not be done without first getting the consent of the City Council, which only meets twice a month during the year and once per month during the summer. Should residents have to suffer without these services while waiting for the City Council to act? This ordinance would not allow our police to place cones or traffic horses without getting the express consent of the City Council if they are investigating a crime scene. It contains no exception for such emergency or temporary matters, and may

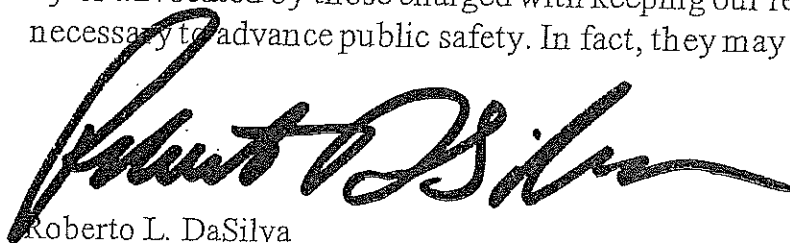
needlessly delay road, sidewalk or utility improvements unless or until such City Council consent is obtained.

The Ordinance makes further amendments to Section 18-76. Prior to these amendments, section 18-76, already limited the placement of traffic control signs, signals, and devices when required under the traffic ordinances of the City which must be passed by the City Council. As originally written, the city engineer, as designed by the Department of Public Works director, was also empowered to "place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as he may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinance of this city, under state law or to guide or warn of traffic." The amendments adds the word "only" as a modifier to the sentence which makes the quoted language meaningless since such devices can now only be placed consistent with a duly passed ordinance. As drafted, the amendment is therefore internally inconsistent and confusing.

Section (b) states that no sign, "whether covered or uncovered," can be placed without the express consent of the Council as demonstrated by passage of an ordinance. This "new" provision is actually redundant of section (a) which already limits the use of signs except by ordinance. Furthermore, the reference to "covered signs" is confusing as a covered sign is really no sign at all as its message can never be seen or obeyed. The City does not rely on covered signs to control traffic.

Finally, section 18-76(b)(1) forbids any temporary signage unless approved by the City Council by resolution. This does not allow for any emergency exception and needlessly restricts the ability of our public safety and DPW workers to place signs in a work area to further protect a scene, construction site, or some other venue where such temporary signs may be needed.

For these reasons, the ordinance is unworkable and limits the ability of the City to take appropriate action to protect the health and welfare of its travelling and pedestrian public. Prior to this amendment, the City traffic control ordinances, many which were codified in 1987, provided sufficient notice and flexibility to meet the needs of our residents and public safety personnel. The amendments were not sought by or advocated by those charged with keeping our residents safe, nor are they necessary to advance public safety. In fact, they may actually hinder it.



Roberto L. DaSilva

Mayor

Date: 09/02/2021

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
FOR AUDIO/VIDEO AND DATA STORAGE FOR THE POLICE STATION**

**WHEREAS**, the East Providence Police Department's contract with its current provider for the interview room audio/video and data storage has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, Axon Enterprise, Inc. submitted a proposal for a five-year contract in the amount of \$74,880.00 to outfit three interview rooms with audio/video and cloud storage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will be using the East Providence Police Department asset forfeiture funding further known as Google funds to complete the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$74,880.00 for audio/video and data storage at the police station as it will utilize the same storage platform as the body cameras.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of East Providence hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of East Providence to enter into a contract between Axon Enterprise, Inc. and the City of East Providence for audio/video and data storage for the East Providence police station.

Adopted by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Britto



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 1320 PAWTUCKET AVENUE (UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL)**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of East Providence is desirous of conveying property located at 1320 Pawtucket Avenue, Map 503, Block 23, Parcel 9; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws §45-2-4 grants the City Council the authority to convey property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, by and through the office of the City Solicitor, has negotiated a Purchase & Sale Agreement for the property with said Purchase & Sale Agreement being attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

- (1) The City Council of the City of East Providence authorizes the sale of the property consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A;
- (2) The Mayor is authorized to execute the Purchase & Sale Agreement on behalf of the City of East Providence;
- (3) The Mayor, by and through the office of the City Solicitor, is hereby empowered to execute any and all documents including but not limited to deed of transfer necessary to effectuate and perfect the sale of the property located at 1320 Pawtucket Avenue, Map 503, Block 23, Parcel 9.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Britto, Council Vice President Rodericks

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CITY-OWNED  
TOWER LEASE LOCATED AT 301 LYON AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence previously entered into a lease with TV US Development Sites I, LLC on or about December 1, 1997 for the lease of a city-owned cell tower located at 301 Lyon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Third Amendment to the Lease with City Council approval on or about June 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, TV US Development Sites I wishes to assign the lease to PTI US Towers I, LLC under the same terms and conditions of the original lease and the Third Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City's consent is required for such assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to consent to the assignment of said lease and doing so is in the best interests of the City of East Providence.
2. The Law Department, by and through the City Solicitor, is authorized to effectuate the assignment and take all necessary steps to protect and secure the City's interests.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council Vice President Rodericks

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

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”

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION I.** Subsection (b) of Sec. 18-269 entitled “Stop and yield intersections designated; when stops required” is amended by adding thereto the following:

Dover Avenue (northbound traffic) at Howland Avenue;  
Dover Avenue (southbound traffic) at Howland Avenue

**SECTION II.** This ordinance shall take effect upon second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage and referred to at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and  
consideration of final passage; and adopted

Attest:

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City Clerk of the City of East Providence, RI

Introduced by: Councilman Cahoon