

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

DOCKET-CITY COUNCIL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Marcello

City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Councilman Fogarty _____ Councilman Lawson _____ Council Vice President Rego _____

Councilwoman Sousa _____ Council President Rodericks _____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION-none

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote-none

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

B. TAX ABATEMENTS:

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote - none

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C5

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS –

1. Acknowledgment of Coach Kristin Coutoulakis for being named Coach of the Year-
Council President Rodericks and 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 Crescent Park Committee –Marcia Tellini– Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Discussion on City Council boards/commissions- *discussion only- Sponsored by Council President Rodericks*
2. Learn365 program explanation and report of the City of East Providences’ fiscal obligation in relation to Learn265 – *discussion only – Councilman Lawson*
3. Detailed ARPA allocation, spending, and existing purchase orders from inception to date broken down by program and line item – *discussion only- Council Vice President Rego*
4. Discussion on ARPA projects proposed by the city council-*discussion- Sponsor Councilman Lawson*

5. Council discussion and subsequent vote on supporting a Community/Recreation Center for the City of East Providence. Total cost, location, programs – ie: gymnasium, pool, classrooms, fitness room (s), office space etc. Other options. – *discuss and vote- Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS-none

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Link to the Mayors presented FY24 budget, printed copies are available in the Clerks office:

<https://stories.opengov.com/eastprovidenceri/published/veWMfZIm14u>

1. School Department
2. Capital

3. City Government
 - **City Council***
 - **Mayor’s Office***
 - **City Clerk ***
 - **Law ***
 - Canvassing

4. City Operations
 - Finance Controls & Accounts
 - Tax Collection
 - Tax Assessment
 - Human Resources
 - EEOC/Affirmative Action

- Information Technology
- Miscellaneous
- Debt Service
- Capital

5. Community Development

- Planning & Economic Development

6. Community Services

- Recreation
- Pierce Stadium
- Carousel
- Library
- Senior Center

7. Public Works

- Public Works Director
- Building Inspection
- Engineering
- Highway/Parks
- Streetlights
- Refuse Disposal
- Public Buildings
- Central Garage

8. Public Safety

- Police Department
- Animal Shelter
- Harbormaster
- Fire Department
- Public Safety Communications

9. Enterprise Fund

- Wastewater Pollution Control
- Water Utilities

*intended to be discussed

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the closing of Sabin Point boat ramp to reconfigure it into a kayak launch -*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks and Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 401.435.7590 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF THE SABIN POINT
BOAT RAMP TO RECONFIGURE IT INTO A KAYAK LAUNCH**

WHEREAS, Sabin Point is a waterfront park located at the end of Shore Road in Riverside within a residential neighborhood and includes a playground, basketball courts, pavilion, fishing pier, picnic tables, and new concrete walking paths; and

WHEREAS, the boat ramp at Sabin Point is in need of repairs for safety and parking does not make the area viable for trailers; and

WHEREAS, two miles away in Riverside is Haines Memorial Park which offers a Department of Environmental Management maintained boat ramp with plenty of parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence would like to convert the Sabin Point boat ramp into a kayak launch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of East Providence hereby authorizes the closing of the Sabin Point boat ramp to reconfigure it into a kayak launch.

Adopted by the City Council: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Rodericks and Councilman Lawson