

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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

- *All council members present*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

- *Led by Council President Britto*

- *Roll Call – all council members present*

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 Charge Abatements

- New Claims

- Nationwide General Ins. Co.
- Janae Perez

- Sewer Charge Abatements
- Richard Silva

2. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Keep Metacomet Green, Inc. vs. City of East Providence and Metacomet Property LLC, C.A. No. PC-2021-5412. Update on service of process and City’s response.

3. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2)(5) - Proposed settlement of all litigation and terms of acquisition of property related to streetlights within the City of East Providence

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

- Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to return to open session. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.

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

IV. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINTUES

- Motion made to seal executive session minutes made by Councilman Cahoon, motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- Motion made to seal the minutes and tax abatements made by Councilman Cahoon, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

1. Regular meeting minutes August 17, 2021

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

2. Tax Abatements

Year	Amount
2021	\$776.32
Total	\$776.32

VI. LICENSES

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. One Day Entertainment Licenses

Applicant: Brian Dietsch

Location: 101 Williams Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Date & Time of Function: 10/06/2021 from 4:30 p.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Type of Entertainment: personal sound system/radio

- Motion to approve by Councilman Cahoon, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

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

2. Pool Table – Transfer

Transfer from: T&T's 133 Club Inc.

Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.

Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

- Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

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

3. Application for Holiday Sales

Applicant: John Cardosi Jr.
 Business: 133 Club Inc.
 Address: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

- Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

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

4. Application for Dance/Entertainment License - Transfer

Transfer from: T&T's 133 Club Inc.
 Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.
 Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

- Motion to approve by Councilman Cahoon, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

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

5. Application for Victualing License – Class 1, Transfer

Transfer from: Anthony Andreozzi & Teresa Andreozzi, T & T’s 133 Club Inc.
29 Warren Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914

Transfer to: John Cardosi Jr., The 133 Club Inc.

- *Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1) BV License – Transfer

Transfer from: T&T’s 133 Club Inc.

Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.

Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

- *Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

VII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - None

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Item</i>
<i>Ted Furtado</i>	<i>Mountain Avenue Traffic</i>
<i>Sari Carpenter</i>	<i>Hawkers License for 9/18/2021 (did not approach when called)</i>

- *Deputy City Clerk Leah Stoddard informed Council President Britto of 6 emails, 4 in favor and 2 against that had been submitted for public comment in reference to the chicken ordinance.*
- *Motion to place the chicken ordinance emails into the recorded minutes by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

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X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Update on traffic Mountain Avenue – Discussion only

Councilman Cahoon

- *Councilman Cahoon joined in the public comment of Ted Furtado to discuss the options. The Mayor stated there will be traffic control and radar placed on the street. Councilman Cahoon stated he will continue to work with DPW, the Mayor, and the residents to find solutions.*

2. Update on East Providence High School – Discussion only

Councilman Cahoon

- *Councilman Cahoon stated there are 85 parking spots for seniors, given out by lottery.*

3. ADA Compliance – Discussion only

Councilman Mourato

- *Councilman Mourato asked that item 3 & 4 be combined. He spoke about the meeting to be held at the Weaver library.*

only
4. ADA Community Meeting September 23, 2021 at Weaver Library – Discussion

Councilman Mourato

5. Update on investigation of the City Clerk Samantha Burnett communication from the August 17, 2021 Council meeting – Discussion only

Councilman Mourato

- Councilman Mourato requested to pass this item due to this item being discussed in executive session.

6. Request to rescind Scorpio Towing application for wrecking/towing license Sec. 8 - 523 – Vote

Councilman Mourato

- This item is tabled, will be placed on the September 21, 2021 docket. Follow up on the status of corporate license and PUC license by Solicitor Marcello.

- Motion to table by Councilman Mourato, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

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

XI. PUBLIC HEARING - None

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Items for announcement/discussion

- Mayor’s Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget – Mayor to read FY22 proposed budget address (Mayor Bob DaSilva)
- Executive order 2021-014 – August 23, 2021 Declaration of state and municipal emergency (Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves)
- Presentation to inform the public ad Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2021 funds allocation & process (Dave Bachrach, Community Development Office)
- Police Recruitment. The East Providence Police Dept. is recruiting new officers and certified/lateral officers. Deadline for applications is Dept. 17, 2021. (Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves)

- East Providence Fire Dept. has been recognized and approved by the American Heart Association as 2021 Mission Lifeline Gold for implementing specific quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks (Chief Quick)

B) REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. DPW Director, Dan Borges

- Handicapped Parking Request – 38 Baker Street

Requested by Councilwoman Sousa

- ***This item is tabled until the September 21, 2021 council meeting due to DPW Director Dan Borges being on vacation last week.***
- ***Motion to table by Councilwoman Sousa, motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

2. Report of the City Solicitor

- Claims Committee Report
- Other executive session matters as listed under III

- ***Solicitor Marcello read the claims report***

C) REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – None

D) RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution declaring September 7, 2021 to be Dr. Richard Greco Day

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Council President Britto read the Resolution for the public.***
- ***Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

2. Resolution regarding the disposition of the City of East Providence’s interest in Tax Assessor’s Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20 located between and near Lynn Avenue and Vineland Avenue

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Phil Tirrell approached to speak to the hammerhead and its function.***
- ***Motion to approve by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a motorcycle and five police vehicles for the police department.

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- ***Council Vice President stated the dollar amount was to be updated as of last this afternoon from \$322,594.00 to \$355,594.***
- ***Motion to approve with amendment by Council Vice President Rodericks, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

E) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – First 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,” moving the stop sign from the south side of the street to the north side.

Sponsor: Councilman Mourato

- ***Councilman Mourato asks to amend the ordinance to state special markings that state no parking on road in designated areas.***
- ***Motion to approve with amendments by Councilman Mourato, motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Sousa, motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.

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

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.