

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

RE-OPEN SESSION TO BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED
AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 6:45 P.M.

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

Assistant City Solicitor, Dylan Conley

City Clerk, Samantha N. Burnett

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be both in person and virtually, through an application called, "Zoom".

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY, USE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

By phone:

Call the toll free number: 1-877-853-5247 (audio only) and enter the following information:

MEETING ID: 993-0796-0324

You do not need a meeting passcode.

By computer or smartphone (this is the audio and video option):

To participate visually (with audio) you will need to log into the following from your computer or smart phone, go to: www.zoom.us

Enter the following information when prompted

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Once entered, you will be able to join the meeting. At the appropriate time for public comment the moderator will allow you to provide comment at the meeting.

The meeting will also be available live on our city website, located at:

http://www.clerkbase.com/RI_EastProvidence_Live_CityCouncil.html

In addition, written public comment on any agenda item can be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2020 in the following delivery methods:

Email the City Clerk: sburnett@eastprovidenceri.gov

Mailed/dropped off at: City Hall, Attention: City Clerk, 145 Taunton Avenue - East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) and (a)(5)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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A) Litigation strategy/update and acquisition of private property by Eminent Domain.

The City Council may go into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) and (5) related to an update from special counsel related to litigation status and update on potential eminent domain proceedings related to former Metacomet Golf Club and Facility located at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence, 02914

The City Council may go into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) litigation and potential litigation to discuss the following items:

A) New Claims

1. American Commerce Insurance Company (Insured: Yelena Kozyreva)
2. Ralph Larson
3. Jenny Vieira

B) Litigation//Public Lands

1. Petition for Abandonment of Surplus Land, Referral to the Planning Board for review and recommendation regarding the public use and value of Assessor's Map 305 Block 6 Parcel 5.1.
2. Eminent Domain Update regarding the former Metacomet Golf Club located at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway

III. OPEN SESSION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MOTION TO SEAL MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCIL JOURNALS:

FEBRUARY 2, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The order of the 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. Public comments must pertain to a docket item.

VII. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

1. Appointments - Tree Commission (THREE YEAR TERMS)
Jenn Tierney 02/17/2021-2/16/2024
Claire Tierney 02/17-2021-02/16/2024
Carol Auer 02/17/2024
2. Appointments to Affirmative Action Committee (TWO YEAR TERM)
Angie Lovegrove 11/1/2019- 11/22/2021
Carole Brown 7/22/2020-7/21/2022
Jerome Spinola 10/01/2020-10/02/2022
Haywood Ross 10/01/202-10/02/2022
Janel Logan (Walker) 10/1/2020-10/02/2022
Al Maynard 03/05/2019-03/06/2021
Daniel Coerria 05/01/2020-05/02/2022

VIII. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION

1. Marc Furtado, Juvenile Hearing Board

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IX. LICENSES NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATIONS FOR VICTUALING LICENSE, CLASS 3 (TRANSFER)

A) EMCD REALTY 187 WILLETT AVENUE, 02915 TRANSFERRED TO: MATRA LLC – 185 WILLETT AVE, 02915 DBA WILLETT FARMS

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APPLICATION FOR HOLIDAY SALES

A) EMCD REALTY 187 WILLETT AVENUE, 02915 TRANSFERRED TO: MATRA LLC – 185 WILLETT AVE, 02915 DBA WILLETT FARMS

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X. NEW BUSINESS

a) COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Discussion: East Providence Small Business Survey - Councilman Cahoon
2. Discussion: Update COVID 19 Vaccination Plan/Preparedness for East Providence – Council Vice President Rodericks
3. Discussion: Status of New East Providence High School and Razing of Old Building (Last Walk Down Memory Lane) – Council President Britto
4. Discussion and Status Update on Metacomet Demolition Permitting located at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway – Councilwoman Sousa, Councilman Mourato
5. Broadway On and Off Ramp Intersection Safety Concerns and Possible Resolution– Councilwoman Sousa
6. Discussion: Request for Resolution for LED Lights for the March 2, 2021 Meeting – Councilwoman Sousa
7. Black History Month Recognition for the City of East Providence – Council President Britto
8. Update on the East Providence High School Construction – Councilman Cahoon

b) COMMUNICATIONS – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

3. “Pathway to 2040” - Comprehensive Plan Update, Director William Fazioli and Horsley Witten Senior Planner, Krista Moravec
4. Executive Order 2021-007 (Extension of Executive Order EO 2020-049, “Virtual Board and Commission Meetings”)
5. Zobrio Accounting Contract – See Resolution Item #2
6. Executive Order 2021-006 (Extension 2020-004 Municipal State of Emergency to March 16, 2021)

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7. Tentative Discussion Update: Suez Contract

c) REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Boards and Commission Report Update – City Clerk, Samantha N. Burnett
2. City Solicitor’s Report – City Solicitor Michael J. Marcello

d) RESOLUTIONS

Full resolutions on ClerkBase, under 02/16/2021 agenda: <https://www.clerkshq.com/eastprovidence-ri>

- 1. RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO NAME THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AT GLENLYON - "THE MCDONALD/LONG FIELD"-Council President Britto and Council Vice President Rodericks**

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2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZOBRIO FOR ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE -Council Vice President Rodericks

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3. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REINSTALL MEMORIAL SIGNAGE IN HONOR OF VETERANS – Councilwoman Sousa

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e) ORDINANCES FOR SECOND PASSAGE (AND PUBLIC HEARING)

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” (Section 18-307) Council Vice President Rodericks

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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f) INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCES FOR FIRST PASSAGE:

1. ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FOR THE SUPPORT OF CRESCENT PARK LOOFF CAROUSEL AND FACILITIES – Councilman Mourato

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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- 2. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “HEALTH AND SANITATION” (Article V, Sections 7-81 to 7-88) Council President Britto and Council Vice President Rodericks**

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XI. RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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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.