

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

September 15, 2026

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/UC0YEW6s1RpjckR47VMil1LA>

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 J. Marcello  
City Clerk, Andreza (Andy) Skipworth

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Fogarty \_\_\_\_\_ Lawson \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes September 1, 2026

**B. CANCELLATIONS/ABATEMENTS:**

| YEAR         |  | AMOUNT             |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
|              |  |                    |
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| 2026         |  | \$10,833.36        |
|              |  |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  | <b>\$10,833.36</b> |

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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| Fogarty   |     |     |
| Lawson    |     |     |
| Rego      |     |     |
| Sousa     |     |     |
| Rodericks |     |     |

**VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License  
Applicant: Molly Borges  
Type of Event: House Warming - Piano  
Event Address: 122 Rice Ave, E. Providence  
Date & Time: 9/19/2026; 4pm – 8pm
2. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License  
Applicant: Steve Soltz  
Type of Event: Corn Hole Competition  
Event Address: 10 Hemingway Drive, E. Providence  
Date & Time: 9/16/2026; 2pm – 6pm
3. Special Event – One Day Alcoholic License  
Applicant: Bryan Benedict  
Name of Business: Dips Dips Catering  
Type of Event: Witches Parade  
Event Address: 684 -700 Bullocks Point, E. Providence  
Date & Time: 10/17/2026; 9am – 4pm
4. Special Event – Block Party (READ ONLY)  
Applicant: Drew Shannon  
Type of Event: Rock the Vote  
Event Address: 684 – 700 Bullocks Point, E. Providence  
Date & Time: 9/8/2026; 5pm – 8pm

5. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License (READ ONLY)  
 Applicant: 684 – 700 Bullocks Point  
 Type of Event: Rock the Vote  
 Event Address: 684 – 700 Bullocks Point, E. Providence  
 Date & Time: 9/8/2026; 5pm – 8pm
  
6. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment (READ ONLY)  
 Applicant: Peter Xiarhos  
 Business Name: Sam’s New York System  
 Owner’s Location: 60 Balsam Drive, E. Greenwich, RI 02818  
 Event Date: 9/8/2026
  
7. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment (READ ONLY)  
 Applicant: Rich Guckel  
 Business Name: FYR Food LLC  
 Owner’s Location: 84 Mulberry Drive, Wakefield, RI  
 Event Date: 9/8/2026

**B. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES**

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson    |     |     |
| Rego      |     |     |
| Sousa     |     |     |
| Rodericks |     |     |

**C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES**

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson    |     |     |
| Rego      |     |     |
| Sousa     |     |     |
| Rodericks |     |     |

**D. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

**VII. 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. Nancy Hale – More Great News, Progress From Riverside, Transparency

**XIII. 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.*

**IX. APPOINTMENTS - NONE**

**X. COUNCIL MEMBERS - NONE**

1. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Dates and Hearings – Council President Rodericks

- a. September 17, 2026      Receipt of Mayor’s proposed budget by City Clerk
- b. September 22, 2026      Budget Workshop
- c. September 29, 2026      Public Hearing on Mayor’s Proposed Budget FY 2027
- d. October 6, 2026          Regular Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
- e. October 10, 2026        Budget Workshop
- f. October 20, 2026        Regular Council Meeting
- g. October 26, 2026        Last Day to approve Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second and/or final passage  
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: To make Bourne Avenue (westbound) from Brayton Avenue to Frederick Street a one-way street during the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm on school days. Sponsored by: Council Vice President Rego

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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2. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 18 of the revised ordinance of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles And Traffic”  
Summary: To place a stop sign at Rhodes Avenue (northbound and southbound traffic), at Burnside Avenue. Sponsored by: Council President Rodericks

| Member  | Aye | Nay |
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**XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Director of Policy & Constituent Services,  
Andre Herrera**

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation
  - None
2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation
  - None
3. Items for announcement/discussion
  - Presentation on the Sowams National Heritage Area Feasibility Study.

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson**

**D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote**

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Oshean Inc. to support cybersecurity improvements within the City. \$268,450.00 grant funds will be used to build the fiber backbone throughout the City and \$70, 670.00 of the grant funds will used for the necessary hardware to support network redundancy. Introduced by Council President Rodericks and Council Vice President Rego

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Starnet Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$197,092.00 to support cybersecurity matters. Introduced by Council President Rodericks and Council Vice President Rego

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with M.E. O'Brien & Sons for improvements to Glenlyon Park and Lyle Bourne Park. Sponsored by Vice President Rego.

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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#### **E. 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" Amending Section 18-308 entitled "Parking time limitations – 60 minutes"

Summary: Sec. 18-308. The purpose of this Ordinance to place a 60-minute parking sign at Warren Avenue (south side) from a point 65 feet west of South Hull Street westerly 60 feet from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Sponsored by: Council President Rodericks

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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| Lawson    |     |     |
| Rego      |     |     |
| Sousa     |     |     |
| Rodericks |     |     |

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

| Member    | Aye | Nay |
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| Fogarty   |     |     |
| Lawson    |     |     |
| Rego      |     |     |
| Sousa     |     |     |
| Rodericks |     |     |

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