

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
JOURNAL/MINUTES  
\*\*\*City Council Work Session\*\*\*  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.  
145 TAUNTON AVENUE - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

As a result of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, this City Council work-shop meeting will be held in accordance and conformance with Executive Order 2020-46 June 12, 2020 issued by Governor Gina Raimondo as extended.

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

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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](http://www.clerkbase.com/RI_EastProvidence_Live_CityCouncil.html)

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

City Clerk, Samantha N. Burnett

## I. CALL TO ORDER –

Council President Britto called the meeting to order. All members of the Council were present. Solicitor Marcello and City Clerk Burnett were in attendance.

### Other key participants in this workshop were:

Mayor DaSilva

Water Superintendent, Jim Marvel

Robert Otoski, CDM Smith

Kevin Schott, CDM Smith

Jeff Zdrojewski, CDM Smith

Paul Smith, BETA Group

Pamela Marchand = Executive Director, Bristol County Water Authority

Dave Fox - Rafetelis

Allan Klepper, Board Chairman – Bristol County Water Authority

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

*Council President Britto led the Pledge.*

## III. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor DaSilva spoke to provide an introduction to the workshop.

**A. Presentation by CDM SMITH AND PURE TECHNOLOGIES concerning East Providence Water Supply including overview of current transmission and supply system, infrastructure, and supply line inspection, and future needs/alternative redundant supply/discussion by City Council and Administration.**

*Representatives from CDM Smith were present to discuss the above item with the Council. The mayor stated that our water comes from Scituate and the water line comes from Cranston, then Providence, then into East Providence. The mayor stated the water line has never been inspected and it's important that it occurs.*

*Kevin Schott, provided an overview of the transmission main, discuss some supplemental supply options the City has and identifying defects in the pipeline.*

*Mr. Marvel shared that the funding of the project would come from the Water Enterprise Fund.*

*Hard copy of the full presentation is available in the Office of the City Clerk archives vault.*

**B. Bristol County Water Authority – Discussion of plan to connect Pawtucket Water Supply as a secondary and emergency backup source of water. (Phase 2 of its water security plan and possible partnership with the City of East Providence and share the cost of this project.)**

*Steve Coutu, Director of Bristol County Water Authority was present for the Council for discussion.*

*Pamela Marchand, Executive Director of Bristol County Water Authority, was available and spoke to the historical nature of the Providence pipeline, including maintenance.*

*Paul Smith, of the BETA group spoke about the next progression, called Phase Two, which is getting a second water supply source for the City of East Providence.*

*Conversation of the different paths of the project were discussed, including one that involved passing through the East Providence High School.*

*Allan Klepper spoke regarding the importance of ensuring this project gets completed.*

*Hard copy of the full presentation is available in the Office of the City Clerk archives vault.*

**C. Presentation by Raftelis of FY 2021 East Providence Water Rate Study Report and consideration of recommendations related to future water rates/Discussion by City Council and Administration.**

*Dave Fox, representative of Raftelis, was present for the Council and stated that he has been working with the City since about 2016.*

*His presentation included cost of service analysis he also built in to include a review of the*

*City's five year capital plan which he stated has much drive over the rate structure. He stated the importance of having a rate study.*

*The discussion was focused about rates and recommendations from Mr. Fox to the Council.*

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Cahoon.*

*Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks.*

*Ayes captured the vote, 5-0.*

*Meeting is adjourned.*

*If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596*