

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**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

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

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS-**

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month-Councilwoman Sousa
2. Dyslexia Awareness – Councilwoman Sousa

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council of East Providence may meet in Executive Session

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(1)- any discussions of the job performance, character or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that such person or persons affected have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require the discussion be held in open meeting – City Clerk

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

**V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

**VI. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote –**

**1. COUNCIL JOURNALS**

1. August 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

**A. Motion to bundle licenses 1-7**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. Motion to approve licenses**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Diane Sullivan

Location: Pierce Stadium (02914)

Event: Turkey Trot Race

Date & Time: November 23, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Road Race

Applicant: Karen Zyons

Location: Bold Point Park

Event: Providence Rhode Race

Date & Time: May 4, 2024 7:30am-1:30pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Villa Putrius

Location: 37 N Blossom St (02914)

Event: An Afternoon of Dance & Music

Date & Time: October 13, 2024 4:00pm-6:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Special Events – Alcohol – Class F1 - full  
 Applicant: Bryan Benedict  
 Location: 684 & 700 Bullocks Pt Ave (02915)  
 Event: 2024 New England Witches Guild Parade  
 Date & Time: October 19, 2024 11:00am-4:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Food Truck Event  
 Applicant: Tracy Johnson/Crescent Park  
 Event: 2024 New England Witches Guild Parade  
 Address: 700 Bullocks Point (02915)  
 Date & Time: October 19, 2024 11:00am-4:00pm  
 Trucks: Atmosphere Café, The Burrito Bowl, All Seasons Café, Teddys Candy Bar, Mikes City Dogs

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Special Event – Alcohol Class F  
 Applicant: A.C. Peri/Sacred Heart Church  
 Address: 118 Taunton Ave (02914)  
 Event: Fall Dinner  
 Date and Time: October 5, 2024 6:30pm-11:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Sundays & Holidays  
 Applicant: Djennifer Kaenman  
 Business: Savage Angel Fitness

Business Address: 321-323 Warren Ave (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Solicit

Applicant: Michael Keeley

Business: Resolve Visionary

Business Address: 2830 Pawtucket Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Liquor License-Class B (full)

Applicant: Nirajan Adhikari

Business: Himalayan Spice dba SWAD

Address: 185-187 Willett Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**IX. 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. *Joseph Botello - traffic speed camera program*

**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 –**

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Statement on small business grants for businesses affected by bridge closure and vote on hiring legal counsel to advise city council on legal options against the Mayor for withholding these funds from being dispersed to impacted businesses – Discuss – Councilman Lawson
2. Discuss new position for administrative assistant to the City Council – Discuss – Councilman Lawson

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

1. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating \$6,118,625 For The FY2025 Capital Budget And FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating \$229,175,771 For The Support Of The City Government For The Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2025

3.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
2. Follow up on the implementation of a fourth full time rescue for the City of East Providence – discuss – Council Vice President Rego

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS- Chief of Staff Patricia Resendes**

**1. Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation**

- Tiesha Nieves Sinouhassy – reappointment to Affirmative Action Commission, Seat 4, Term 5/2/24 - 5/1/26
- Carole Brown – appointment to East Providence Housing Authority, No. 7, Term 10/21/24 - 10/20/27
- Nicholas T. Williams – reappointment to East Providence Housing Authority, No. 3, Term 2/26/24 - 2/25/29

**2. Items for announcement/discussion**

- Presentation of the FY 24/25 Proposed Budget – Mayor Bob DaSilva
- East Providence Fire Rescue Coverage
- August FY 24 Finance Reports – Dir. Malcolm Moore
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 2024 Dyslexia Awareness Week – October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM – Light City Hall RED w/ Decoding Dyslexia RI

A. Workshop – Discussion Only (page numbers refer to the FY25 proposed budget available online, <https://stories.opengov.com/eastprovidenceri/published/XxwJuzw3k6> and in the City Clerk’s office) Pages 1-130

1. City Government

- **Mayor’s Office**
- **City Clerk**
- **Law**

2. City Operations

- **Finance Controls & Accounts**
- **Human Resources**
- **EEOC/Affirmative Action**
- **Information Technology**

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS-**

1. City Solicitor – Executive Session

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-**

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

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Change Order with Acme Abatement Contractor, Inc. Relating to Removal of Asbestos Found on a Portion of the Roof of the Former Oldham Elementary School  
*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with ITsavvy LLC for Security Training and E-mail Archiving System

*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution To Reaffirm Relations Between The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island And The Village Of Vila Franca Do Campo, Portugal As Sister Cities

*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks and Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-**

1. An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 17 Of The Revised Ordinances Of The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, As Amended, Entitled “Utilities”

*Summary: Sec. 17-183 ~~day~~ calendar grace period to 7 business days (water*

*Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 17 Of The Revised Ordinances Of The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, As Amended, Entitled “Utilities”



Summary: Sec. 17-36 7 ~~day~~ calendar grace period to 7 business days (water)  
 Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Ordering The Assessment And Collection Of Property Tax On The Ratable Real Estate And Tangible Personal Property

Summary: Sec 16-50 entitled "Assessment" of Article IV entitled "Property Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property and Excise Tax on Registered Motor Vehicles and Trailers"

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Borrow Funds In Anticipation Of Taxes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Borrow Funds In Anticipation Of Bonds

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.