

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022
 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, 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

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- *Salute to the flag led by Council President Britto*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of East Providence may meet in Executive Session, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2)

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

A. Claims for Reconsideration

1. Miguel & Maryann Graca

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to seal executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Executive session minutes October 4, 2022
2. Regular meeting minutes October 4, 2022

B. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMITS/LICENSES (READ IN)

1. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage
 Applicant: Terry Carvalho
 Location: 118 Taunton Avenue, Sacred Heart Church
 Date & Time of Function: October 15, 2022, 6pm – 10:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Church dinner in honor of Fr. Silvio

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote
A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Christino Espada
 Location: 40 Oak Avenue, 02915
 Date & Time of Function: October 21, 2022, 7:00pm- 12:00am
 Type of Entertainment: DJ

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

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

2. Block Party
 Applicant: Rob Armstong
 Applicant Location: 187 North Brow Street, 02914
 Date & Time of Function: October 23, 2022, 11:30am – 2:30pm
 Street to be closed: Street closure Cross Street from Summit Street to N. Brow

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

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV License – Full - New

Applicant: A. Russell Spellman

Business Name: The Incred-A- Bowl Food Company

Business Address: 1075 S Broadway, 02914

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*
- *Resident Ronald Gomes asked if this has the potential being a nightclub. Incred-A-Bowl responded, no*

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

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS – None

IX. COMMUNICATIONS – None

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.

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.

- *Two members of the EPUF (East Providence Urban Forest) speak to the Council in favor of the new budget position, Forester*

XI. APPOINTMENTS – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Report on update and plan to alleviate Dewey Avenue area street flooding. Update on any plans to also deal with this issue elsewhere in the City – Discussion - Council Vice President Rodericks

- *DPW Director Daniel Borges states there will be an RFP created to complete phase one and identify the issues.*
- *Councilwoman Sousa request North County Street be looked at also*

2. Update from the planning board on the Cumberland Farms Newport Avenue project. Specifically, is the developer following the site plan as approved – Discussion - Council Vice President Rodericks

- *Planning Director William Fazioli reassures that the plans are being followed throughout the phases of construction, if they were not being followed the project would not be able to continue*

3. Congratulations to Hennessy School teacher, Emily Rendine on being the only Rhode Island teacher, to receive the prestigious Milken Excellence in Education award – Announcement – Council Vice President Rodericks

- *Council Vice President announces that Emily Rendine was the only teacher in the State of Rhode Island to receive this prestigious award*

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for first and final passage and second passage - For discussion and possible vote**A. First and Final Passage**

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$212,623,141 for the support of the City government for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2022

- *Motion to approve the budget by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks.*
- *Motion to reduce the budget by \$225,000 in the parks department, 630 made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa.*
- *Councilman Mourato withdraws motion to reduce budget. Councilwoman Sousa consents to withdrawal.*
- *Council President Britto requests to amend the budget by reducing the City Clerk salary by \$14,047, which results in a new budget amount of \$212,609,094.*

- *Motion to amend the budget to \$212,609,094 made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0*

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

- *Motion to approve the amended budget to \$212,609,094 made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 3-2*

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

B. Second Passage

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence ordering the assessment and collection of property tax on the ratable real estate, tangible personal property, and an excise tax on registered motor vehicles and trailers

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

2. 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: Section 18-307 no parking Roger Williams Avenue (west side), from Wilson Avenue north for 135 feet
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 16 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Taxation"

Summary: Section 16-16 authority of City Assessor to reduce assessed value of real property taxes, exempt property or excise tax for veterans

Sponsor: Council President Britto & Council Vice President Rodericks

- *Councilman Cahoon recused*
- *Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Items for announcement/discussion

a. Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Proclamation

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads Proclamation*

b. Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15 – Proclamation

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads Proclamation*

c. Kent Height Recreation Facility Community Meeting – October 17 @ 6PM @ Fuller Creative Center 216 Dover Ave. The public is invited to attend a community meeting to learn about the future renovations of the Kent Heights Recreation Facility. Improvements to be installed include but not limited to resurfacing the basketball/tennis courts, an ADA perimeter walking path, ADA compliant play equipment, perennial gardens (native plant species), shade trees, benches and bike racks.

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads announcement*

d. September General Fund Expense Summary, General Fund Expense Details, Capital Expenses details – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

- *Finance Director Malcolm Moore addresses Council and asks if they have any questions*

e. East Providence Police Explorers receive \$2,000 donation from Bethany of the Nazarine Church

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads announcement*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Claims Committee Report

– Solicitor Marcello reports approval of \$655 credit to be reflected on the next water bill of Miguel & Mayann Graca

b. Report related to ARPA funds authority and allocation

– Solicitor Marcello reads report to the Council

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of three police vehicles for the police department

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- *Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

2. Resolution proclaiming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in East Providence

Sponsor: Council Woman Sousa

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

D. 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"

Summary: Stop sign Lakeside Street (northbound traffic) at the intersection of Catalpa Avenue

Sponsor: Councilman Mourato

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

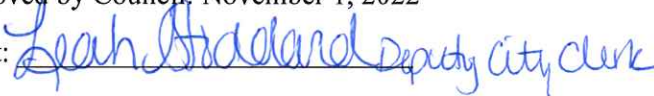
XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

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

Approved by Council: November 1, 2022

Attest:  Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk