

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, November 2, 2021

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

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

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

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

A. New Claims

1. Arnold Battersby
2. Dawn Brown
3. Emonnie Duarte
4. Theresa Roe

B. Sewer Charge Abatement

1. Richard Smith

C. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1), (2), & (4), regarding the job performance, litigation, and investigation derived from the allegations and activities of Samantha Burnett: a discussion and possible vote pursuant to the City Council's Subpoena Power under East Providence City Charter Section 2-9 (6) as it relates to the office of the City Clerk; and a discussion and possible vote regarding notice pursuant to East Providence City Code Section 11-46(c).

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

Cahoon _____ Mourato _____ Rodericks _____ Sousa _____ Britto _____

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

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021, Executive Session October 19, 2021

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	

Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Tax Abatements

Year	Amount
2021	\$5,603.88
Total	\$5,603.88

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to approve tax abatements. Motion seconded by Councilman Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

VII. LICENSES

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

- *Motion made by Council Vice President to approve items 1-4. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

1. Road Race

Applicant: Brandon Presern

Location: Throughout East Providence – 02914, 02915, 02916

Date & Time of Event: May 1, 2022, first race starts at 7:30am

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

2. Application for Holiday Sales

Applicant: John Oliver

Business Name: The Local

Business Address: 478 Waterman Avenue 02914

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

3. Application for Second Hand Autos, Trucks, Dealers & Junkyards

Applicant: George El Khoury

Business Name: El Khoury Investments LLC dba Showcase Auto Sales of East

Providence

Business Address: 2258 Pawtucket Avenue 02914

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

4. Application for Victualing License – Class 2

Applicant: Steven Costa

Business Name: Rosa’s Tavern

Business Address: 182 Anthony Street 02914

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV License – New

Applicant: Steven Costa

Business Name: Rosa’s Tavern

Business Address: 182 Anthony Street 02914

- ***Motion 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	

2. Application for Dance/Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Steven Costa

Business Name: Rosa’s Tavern

Business Address: 182 Anthony Street 02914

- *Gary Soderland approaches to speak and ask questions relating to the dance and entertainment license. Steven Costa approaches to answer the questions, stating that there will not be live music all the time. Steven stated he applied for this license in the event he wants to hold a special event or have entertainment at some point.*
- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

3. Annual Alcoholic Beverage Renewals

Please refer to attachment “A” for business listings

- *Motion 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	

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS – None

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.

A. Gary Menissian – Road Race’s at Pierce Field

- ***Council President calls item, Gary Menissian was not present. Councilwoman asked the date of the event.***

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 – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinances

A. First and Final Passage

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$20,000 for senior center security system

- ***Motion 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	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Vaccination efforts – expanded dates, offering boosters and vaccines to ages 5-11 – Capt. John Potvin

- ***Chief Quick announced the schedule for the age 5-11 boosters***

2. City has received approval by the RIDOT to complete a wire drop and physical alterations at the Bike Path at Riverside Square

- *Director Gonsalves addressed this item.*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1. Report of the City Solicitor
 - Claims Committee Report

- *Solicitor Marcello states the approved claims*

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution in support of proposed legislation allowing the Riverside Post Holding Company dba American Legion Post 10 permanent exemption from taxation
Sponsor: Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa

- *Motion 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	

2. Resolution in support of proposed legislation allowing the Holy Rosary Band Society permanent exemption from taxation
Sponsor: Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa

- *Motion 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	

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract amendment with FR Engineering Group, Inc. for additional work related to the repair of the seawall located at Rose Larisa Park

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon and Councilman Mourato

- ***Motion 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	

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation for use of state-owned land for parking only at Warren Avenue and Burgess Avenue

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

- ***Motion 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 – First Passage

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: Sec. 18-269 (b) stop sign Arnold Street at Sprague Ave

Sponsor: Councilman Mourato

- ***Motion made by Councilman Mourato. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.***

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

2. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 11 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended entitled “Personnel”

Summary: Amend Sec. 11-4 to allow personnel director to certify employment and promotional lists not acted upon by personnel hearing board within 14 days of their submission

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- ***Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-2***

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

3. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 11 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended entitled “Personnel”

Summary: Amend Sec. 11-26, 11-28, 11-30 and 11-31 related to the personnel board appointment, terms and membership to conform with the City Charter and other miscellaneous amendments.

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- ***Motion made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-1.***

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

4. . An ordinance in amendment of chapter 11 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended entitled “Personnel”

Summary: To amend sec. 11-46 related to add additional grounds for discipline under the City code and modifies the number of votes necessary to discipline any council appointed officer or employee

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- ***Motion to amend subsection 10 by changing the word ordinance to manual made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-1.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	

Mourato		X
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

- *Motion to approve the ordinance as amended made by Councilman. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 3-2.*

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks to adjourn in the memory of Charles “Chuck” Vermette. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. 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, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.