

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

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 Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

- Councilman Mourato not present

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)

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2); Review, discussion, and potential vote to ratify Tentative Agreement with East Providence Paraprofessionals' Association/NEARI/NEA

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0*

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato 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 4-0.*

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes December 6, 2022
2. Executive session minutes December 6, 2022

B. LETTERS

1. Notice of New Property Number, AG Construction, 176 Forbes Street (02914), Map 511, Block 1, Parcel 004.10
2. Notice of New Property Number, American Pro Homes LLC, 162 Vincent Avenue (02914), Map 208, Block 15, Parcel 007.10
3. Notice of New Property Number, 57B Rodman Street LLC, 120 Hazard Avenue (02914), Map 208, Block 15, Parcel 007.20

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Holiday Sales – Transfer
 Transfer from: Oak Valley dba Stop and Save
 Transfer to: A to Z Store dba The Stop and Save Store
 Location: 244 Taunton Avenue, 02914

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

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

2. Application for Victualing – Class 3 - Transfer
 Transfer from: Oak Valley dba Stop and Save
 Transfer to: A to Z Store dba The Stop and Save Store
 Location: 244 Taunton Avenue, 02914

- *Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

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.

<i>Rachel Ricci</i>	<i>To speak during public hearing</i>
<i>Tom Azevedo</i>	<i>Announced retirement from the Waste Water department after 32 years of service</i>
<i>Eric Watne</i>	<i>Passed</i>
<i>Greg Miller</i>	<i>Emailed Deputy Clerk, email acknowledgement read into the record</i>

XI. APPOINTMENTS – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

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

A. Ordinance for second passage

1. An ordinance of the City of East Providence authorizing the City to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the City by the issuance of not more than \$148,000,000 bonds, notes and/or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, subject to approval of state housing aid at a reimbursement rate or state share ratio of not less than 48.5% for expenditures eligible for state aid and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by any grant received from the School Building Authority Capital Fund

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

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

2. Ordinance of the City of East Providence approving the financing of the construction, equipping, extension, replacement, repair and rehabilitation of the City’s sewer lines, sewage collection, and sewage treatment system and all preliminary and incidental expenses and approving the issuance of wastewater system revenue bonds and notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$4,850,000

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

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

3. Ordinance of the City of East Providence approving the financing of completion of the construction of infrastructure improvements to the water system and all attendant expenses and approving the issuance of water revenue bonds and notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$26,100,000

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

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

4. 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: No parking St. Michaels Court (north side) from a point 65 feet east of Pawtucket Avenue easterly 20 feet
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- **Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

B. Ordinance for first and final passage

5. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Zoning”
Summary: Addition of article XI, unified development review
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- **Motion to table made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.**

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

6. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Zoning”
Summary: Addition of application for special use permit, determination of boundaries, developmental plan approval and nonconforming parking. Removal of area requirements
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- **Solicitor Marcello, Acting Planning Director James Moran and Senior Planner Domenic Leonardo explain the changes to the ordinance**
 - **19-39C is to conform to Rhode Island general law pertaining to dimensional variances and variances in general**

- *19-97 Split zone lots, the applicant can extend either C1 or C2 in 100 feet in either direction*
- *19-98 allows for mix use development, language adopted from Rhode Island general law. Self storage/mini storage removed and moved it wholesale distribution warehouse. Remove clinic from residential zone and allowing it as allowable use in commercial and industrial zones, C5*
- *19-145 updates minimal lot and height requirements in industrial areas*
- *19-217 multifamily parcels area requirements, simplifies chart and slightly reduces the minimum lot size square footage required for multifamily uses. Councilwoman Sousa requests consideration for off street parking for multifamily*
- *19-323 mixed use development C1-C5 to be reviewed through the development planning process*
- *19-451 changes development plan approval needed for 15 parking spaces from 25 parking spaces*
- *19-424 nonconforming parking, allows more flexibility with parking for businesses*
- *19-284 minimum of off street parking spaces required, reduced office use, retail, convenience, restaurant and fast food restaurant*
- *William Fazioli speaks to the changes and the positive impact*
- *Rachel Ricci attorney speaking of behalf of IGUS located at 257 Ferris Avenue referencing section 19-145. Attorney Ricci explains the benefits to the company and the City of East Providence upon the approval of section 19-145*
- *Mayor Roberto DaSilva speaks in favor of passing the ordinance*
- *Gene Savory chairman of the East Providence Zoning Board expresses concern of tabled ordinance and approval of the ordinance being discussed*
- *John Braga Zoning Board member appreciates the unified development being tabled, and the current ordinance is needed from a zoning prospective*
- *Motion to strike section 19-424 noncoforming parking made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

- *Motion to approve as amended made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation

- a. East Providence Housing Authority; Miles Bonalewicz, new appointment to replace seat vacated by Richard Smith. Appointment No. 1. Term 1/4/23-1/3/28

- *Mayor DaSilva reads appointment*

2. Items for announcement/discussion

- a. Recognition of years of dedicated service by Council President Robert Britto, Councilman Nate Cahoon, Councilman Ricardo Mourato

- *Mayor DaSilva recognizes the service of Council President Britto, Councilman Nate Cahoon, Councilman Ricardo Mourato*

- b. Inauguration Notification – January 3, 2023 Doors open at 5:30 PM Ceremony at 6:00PM Sharp East Providence High School Arthur Elmasian Auditorium. Refreshments to follow in the James T. Kanelos Cafeteria

- *Mayor DaSilva reads announcement*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

- a. Review, discussion, and potential vote to ratify Tentative Agreement with East Providence Paraprofessionals' Association/NEARI/NEA

- *Solicitor Marcello states the vote to ratify the Tentative Agreement passed 4-0*

- b. Report on option agreement between One Neighborhood Builders and the City of East Providence

- *Solicitor Marcello states this item will be voted on as a resolution*

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a change order to railing installation related to the repair of the seawall located at Rose Larisa Park
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

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

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

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Image Trend, Inc. for the Electronic Patient Care Reporting (EPCR) software for the Fire Department
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

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

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

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Corrttech, Inc. for cathodic protection system upgrades (water supply line)
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.

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

- 4. Resolution regarding the sale of real property located at 336 Bullocks Point Avenue East Providence, RI, Map 312, Blk 12, Parcels 20, 21 & 22
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- **Council President Britto recused**
- **Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 3-0.**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato		
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto		

D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato		
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: January 17, 2022

Attest: *Loah Stoddard* Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk