

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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)(5)

A. RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(5) consideration regarding the disposition of publicly held property, 0 Standish

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

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

- *Moved up item VIII proclamations and presentations for the division 12 and 14 cheerleaders. Councilwoman Sousa presents awards and proclamations*

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to seal executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. 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. Regular meeting minutes November 15, 2022
2. Executive session minutes November 15, 2022

B. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMITS/LICENSES (READ IN)

1. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Ellen Ordway
 Location: 250 Bullocks Pt. Ave 02915
 Date & Time of Function: December 2, 2022, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Music

- *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. Block Party

Applicant: James DeFayette

Applicant Location: 69 Harlem Street 02916

Date & Time of Function: December 31, 2022, 12:00pm to 12:00am

Street to be closed: Small section of Harlem between Hood and Miller

- *Motion to bundle 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	

- *Motion to approve bundle A1-A4 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. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Anthony Prattico

Location: 2595 Pawtucket Avenue 02914, St. Martha’s Church

Date & Time of Function: December 10, 2022, 5:00PM-10:00PM

Type of Entertainment: 20 week club dinner

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Kenneth Brown

Location: 60 Berkeley Street 02914

Date & Time of Function: December 17, 2022, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Lane Milliken

Business Name: Core Fitness of Pawtucket, LLC dba Planet Fitness

Business Address: 52 Narragansett Park Drive 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Annual Alcoholic Beverage Renewals

Please refer to attachment “A” for business listings

- *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	

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. East Providence Junior Townies 3 State Champions; 10U Football, Division 12 Cheerleaders and Division 14 Cheerleaders – Councilwoman Sousa

- *Presented at beginning of meeting*

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. Stephen Costa – Announcement of the 7th annual Together for E.P. event to be held on December 25, 2022 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm at the Brightridge Club located at 59 Brightridge Avenue

- *Izilda Fernandez announces the detail of the event*

2. William Lewis – Water Bill Issue

- *Not present*

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.

- *No public comment*

XI. APPOINTMENTS – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. 2023 Council Appointments and Nominations – Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion Only

- *Councilwoman Sousa expresses the desire to have the City Clerk position require an application and interview process. Also, requests the Mayoral appointments requiring Council approval be shared with the council prior to the inauguration. Councilwoman states she is seeking the Council Vice President position.*

2. Council President’s farewell message

- *Council President thanks the previous council’s he has served with and the current council for their hardwork and dedication over the last 8 years he has served.*

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - 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: Sec. 18-269, stop sign at Seth Street (westbound traffic) at Fisher Street
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

- *Motion to approve 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. 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. 18-301(a)(1) and Sec. 18-307 no parking on Bayview Avenue (north side) from a point 90 feet west of Progress Avenue westerly 20 feet
Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- *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	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council confirmation

- a. Domenic Pontarelli to Personnel Hearing Board, reappointment, term 01/02/2023-01/01/2026

- *Director of Project Management and Communications Patricia Resende reads letter of reappointment, term is 01/02/2023 – 01/01/2028*
- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

- b. John Carney to Conservation Commission, reappointment, term 01/02/2023-01/01/2026

- *Director of Project Management and Communications Patricia Resende reads letter of reappointment*
- *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	

2. Items for announcement/discussion

- a. Update on monthly capital and general expenses and finances – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

- *Finance Director Malcolm Moore updates the council on the end of the year numbers*

- b. Authorization for Bond Ordinances (Water and Sewer) to receive principal forgiveness by RI Infrastructure (which will allow the city to seek reimbursement. Resolutions 239 and 240 (attached) were previously approved by the Council – DPW Director Daniel Borges

- *Director of Project Management and Communications reads the description and breakdown of the spending of the funds*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1. City Council Regular Meeting Dates 2023 – Deputy City Clerk Leah Stoddard

- *Deputy City Clerk reads the 2023 Council Meeting Dates*

- a. January 3 & January 17

- February 7 & February 21

- March 7 & March 21

- April 4 & April 18

- May 2 & May 16

- June 6 & June 20

- July 18

- August 15

- September 5 & September 19

- October 3 & October 17

- November 7 & November 21

- December 5 & December 19

B. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. Rules of procedure of the City Council

Summary: Adding new proposed rule related to council expenditures

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- *Council President Britto explains the addition of rule #5 for council expenditures to the resolution*
- *There is no motion made, resolutions dies on the floors, subsequently no vote is taken*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of fifty computers and monitors for the Police Department

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- *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	

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of network switches and firewalls for the Police Department

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- *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	

C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

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 Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
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 amend to add the language; borrow funds to complete a slope stabilization project in Riverside on Booth Ave and the stabilization of the Rose Larissa slope south of the current seawall construction location 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	

- Motion to approve amendment 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. 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 \$23,100,000

- ***Motion to amend dollar amount to \$26,100,00 made by Councilman Cahoon. Seconded by Councilwoman Sousa.***

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

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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

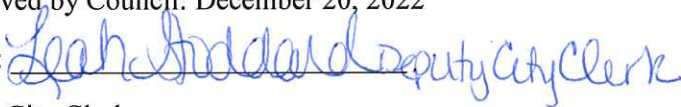
Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to adjourn 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	

Approved by Council: December 20, 2022

Attest:  Deputy City Clerk
 City Clerk

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.