

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, February 15, 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

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

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MEETING ID: 885-6717-1685

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Cahoon _____ Mourato _____ Rodericks _____ Sousa _____ Britto _____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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

A. New Claims

1. Farmers Insurance (Insured Wayne Bonadie)
2. Justin Pina

B. Collective Bargaining

1. EPPMTEA Contract negotiation update and review of tentative agreements

C. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Keep Metacomet Green, Inc. vs. City of East Providence and Metacomet Property LLC, C.A. No. PC-2021-5412

1. Litigation update, recent court activity

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon _____ Mourato _____ Rodericks _____ Sousa _____ Britto _____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes February 1, 2022

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VII. LICENSES

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Carnival – New

Applicant: Alba Curti

Type of Event: Festival Pierce Memorial Field

Date of Event: July 29-31, 2022

Applicant: East Providence Heritage Days

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Class F Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Alba Curti

Location: Pierce Memorial Field

Date of Event: July 29-31, 2022

Type of Event: Festival

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV Liquor License – New

Applicant: Marta Ochoa

Business Name: Taconeando Mexican Style

Business Address: 181 Willett Ave., 02915

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.

XI. APPOINTMENTS – NONE

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - NONE

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - NONE

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council Confirmation

- a. James Boyd, reappointment to East Providence Conservation Commission, Term 01/02/2022-01/01/2025

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Items for Discussion

- a. 2021 Departmental Accomplishments/2022 Goals - Mayor Roberto DaSilva
- b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Plan/Goals)

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1. Report of the City Solicitor
 - a. Claims Committee Report/litigation update

C. RATIFICATION APPROVAL OF EPPMTEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

- 1. Review, discussion and final ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the EPPMTEA and the City of East Providence Effective 11/1/2020-10/31/2021
- 2. Review, discussion and final ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the EPPMTEA and the City of East Providence Effective 11/1/2021-10/31/2024

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

D. RESOLUTIONS - None

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- 1. An ordinance Rescinding Prior Bond Borrowing Authorizations
Summary: To rescind and extinguish the authorization to borrowing for select projects
Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. An ordinance adopting an amended East Providence waterfront special development district tax increment financing plan (the “amended project plan”) and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance certain public infrastructure and public improvements necessary in connection with the East Point Site project

Summary: A list of findings, determinations and declarations with regard to the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Tax Increment Finance Plan

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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.



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

Feb. 9, 2022

Robert Britto
Council President
East Providence City Council
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: Mayor Communications & Docket items – Feb. 15, 2022 Docket

Dear Council President Britto and Members of the Council,
Please see information Mayor Communications and requests of the Administration before the Council:

Mayor Communications: Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

1. **Appointment requiring Council Confirmation**
 - James Boyd, reappointment to East Providence Conservation Commission (TERM: 1/2/22-1/1/2025)
2. **Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
3. **Items for announcement/discussion**
 - 2021 Department Accomplishments/2022 Goals (Mayor Bob DaSilva)
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Plan/Goals
4. **Requests of the Administration before the Council for Council Action**
 - Legal will send.

Sincerely,

Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

February 9, 2022

Robert Britto
Council President
East Providence City Council
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

Dear Council President Britto:


I hereby nominate for reappointment *James Boyd* to the *Conservation Commission* pursuant to Article III Sec. 3-5 (b) of the Charter of the City of East Providence. This reappointment is subject to confirmation by the City Council. The term of each seat is three (3) years.

Pursuant to Ch. 2, Art. III, Division 4, Sec. 2-96.

Term: 1/02/22-1/01/25

On this day, *Thursday, February 9, 2022*

Sincerely,


Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

Leah Stoddard
CC://Acting City Clerk



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

I am here before the council to give you an update on what our city has accomplished in 2021. We have had a very busy, eventful and productive year.

The city has been leading the way during this pandemic by caring for and responding to the needs of our residents. Our city team opened a COVID-19 call center and clinic at the senior center, lobbied for and opened a regional vaccination pod on Taunton Avenue with a number of our partner municipalities including Bristol, Barrington, Pawtucket, Warren and Tiverton. We continue to host a COVID-19 walk-in test site at the Breed Hall at the Senior Center campus and lobbied Governor Daniel McKee for a second testing site at the Fuller Learning Center, which became operational on January 12, 2022.

In 2021, the city provided 36,639 vaccines and approximately 7,000 tests. We continue those efforts still today providing residents with vaccine boosters. We have distributed thousands of at-home test kits during drive-through distributions and pickups here at City Hall as well as deliveries to our local senior population.

Public Safety

Our public safety departments, in addition to responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, have continued to work to ensure they have the tools, training and equipment required to keep our residents safe. East Providence entered into an agreement with the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) to be the host community for the East Bay Heavy Rescue Task Force. The city now hosts the task force equipment and received approximately \$75,000 to facilitate training. Our Fire Department was also able to begin staffing a fourth rescue. In addition, I had the opportunity to swear in the largest fire academy in the city's history – the 34th training academy, comprised of 20 fire recruits. In 2021, we began preparing for 35th Fire Academy slated to have 25 recruits.

The police department held two police recruitment drives. The City held its first public safety communications dispatcher academy, tested police body worn cameras in preparation of deploying them once the Rhode Island Attorney General issues a statewide policy and acquired and installed new laptops with 75 mobile units in Patrol, EMS and fire. The city invested in improvements to the HVAC system and locker rooms at our Police Station. In addition, we held our third annual Mayor's Summer Youth Academy.

Economic development

The city has collaborated with several organizations to advance many important development projects.

In April, ONE Neighborhood Builders purchased a 36-unit development in East Providence for \$3.3 million from Rissport LLC, and will renovate the units that will now become deed-restricted affordable housing. The purchase of Sutton Place — two identical buildings located at 54 and 60 Sutton Avenue — with assistance from Rhode Island Housing ensures that the 36 units in the buildings will remain affordable for the long term. This renovation will make East Providence only the seventh of Rhode Island's 39 communities to meet the state goal that 10 percent of each municipality's housing stock qualifies as low- and moderate-income housing. This is the first project outside of Providence for ONE Neighborhood Builders.

In March 2021, the East Providence announced that a contaminated brownfield was being repurposed through a public-private partnership between the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) and Kearsarge Energy. RIPTA will receive credit for power generated by a 6,000-plus panel solar installation that Kearsarge constructed on the site of a former tank farm on Dexter Road. The construction of the solar installation on the approximately nine-acre parcel has both fiscal and environmental benefits for the community and for the state. The solar power generated on site means less carbon emissions from electricity used in Rhode Island and new tax revenue for our city.

Phillipsdale Landing has become a hub for creative and innovative companies in East Providence. Since the purchase of the property five years ago, it has gone from completely vacant to 85 percent occupancy. Occupancy is slated to increase by the end of 2022. A few notable businesses at Phillipsdale include: Enotap, Studio Dunn, Ark Wood, We Share Hope, Amaral Custom Fabrication and CrossFit Phillipsdale. The property was recently purchased by a California investment firm for \$8.3 million. The owners of this real estate firm were attracted to East Providence because of several ongoing projects underway in our city.

In 2021 we saw significant movement in the receivership of the East Point development off Roger Williams Avenue in Rumford, known to most as the former GeoNova or Ocean State Steel site. The once contaminated industrial site has sat vacant and derelict for the last 15 years. The city has been working with the special master and the Churchill & Banks realty firm to sell the land and construct a multi-dimensional residential community. This project will also include 10 percent affordable housing units along with new public access to Omega Pond and Seekonk River.

Our administration, working with our state legislators and the East Providence City Council has established the first-ever Arts District in the city. This will exempt artists that live within this area from state income taxes, which should encourage residential development in the District. The new district has already resulted in a major investment in the district with three rundown properties that were purchased on Valley Street for \$3.3 Million. Additionally, a public art

campaign has been funded, which will include sculptures and murals located in Watchemoket Square.

Healthcare services continues to be one of the city's primary employment sectors. In the summer of 2021, we were pleased to welcome PACE RI to its new flagship headquarters on Tripps Lane. PACE moved its operations to a new 66,000-square-foot facility. PACE provides important wellness services to elderly residents in our region.

East Providence has adopted innovative mixed-use overlay districts to jumpstart redevelopment in older commercial corridors. The ordinance that was approved by the City Council in 2021 provides an answer to the relative inflexibility of the previous retail commercial (C-3) zoning and incorporates an expanded overlay that allows developers to overcome some of the major impediments that restrict redevelopment of older but completely viable downtown corridor buildings. These overlay districts include Warren, Taunton, Waterman and Bullocks Point Avenues. By allowing residential development to proceed in these areas, we anticipate to see more vibrancy in these areas that can support local businesses and restaurants.

In 2021, despite the challenges of a worldwide pandemic, we saw many new businesses open, expand or relocate to East Providence. A few notable examples include Mina's Brazilian Café, Taconeando, Quick Fitting Holding Company LLC, AQUASGROUP, ZOLL Medical Group, BSM Pump Corp., Nexans American Cable, Fulcrum Speedworks LLC and Enotap LLC, along with International Pipe Fittings, Paiva Plaza, and Future Foam Inc. These firms now occupy newly-renovated facilities located in East Providence's historical industrial corridors located on Warren Avenue, Waterman Avenue, Commercial Way and Narragansett Park Drive.

In December 2021, we saw 108,000 square feet of industrial space located at 25 Fairmount Ave. sold for \$5.8 million and soon we hope to be able to share more information about a major employer moving into that facility. Throughout 2021 we worked closely with the commercial broker for this property and we are encouraged to see this vacant building being primed for occupancy in 2022.

Infrastructure Improvements:

We as a city are investing in our infrastructure. We have several municipal and state infrastructure improvement projects underway that will benefit East Providence for generations to come. In 2021, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) announced that it would start work on the Washington Bridge Project. This project will include a new offramp from Route 195 West onto Waterfront Drive, which will support economic development opportunities and address chronic congestion issues both on the Interstate and at the Broadway exit from Route 195 West.

The Henderson Bridge Project is well underway. The project replaces the six-lane structurally deficient Bridge with a three-lane bridge. It also converts interchanges to at-grade intersections, provides a separated bike/pedestrian infrastructure and provides economic development opportunities. And most importantly, it provides connection to Waterfront Drive.

In 2021, East Providence continued in its third year of its municipal street paving. We paved a total of 10.16 miles or 53,655 linear feet of road.

We continue to invest in Riverside Square as you may have seen from the unveiling of the new playful sculpture, bike racks and pavers at the Square. The city has also made improvements to Pierce Field including a new splash pad for all of our kids to enjoy.

And we cannot forget significant projects under way and in the design phase including a backup water supply pipeline. The Bristol County Water Authority (BCWA) has teamed up with the City of East Providence on a new \$6.9 million emergency backup water pipeline.

The project will link the BCWA East Bay Pipeline with the East Providence water system at the Kent Heights water storage facilities. It will provide an emergency water supply from Providence Water to either utility. Phase two of securing our water supply will be a partnership with BCWA to connect to the Pawtucket Water Supply as a secondary source of water. Now more than ever, it is important that we work together to provide our residents and businesses with an uninterrupted flow of clean, safe and reliable water.

After more than 18 months of negotiations, the City, with the help of Arcadis, was able to negotiate a new wastewater operations contract with Suez Water Environmental Services that resulted in an annual savings of \$250,000 annually or \$2.5 million over 10 years. This contract not only provides sound, continuous wastewater operations, but it also provides great savings to our residents. Most importantly we negotiated the installation of covers on the primary clarifiers which are slated to be installed in 2022 and will reduce the odor associated with the treatment plant.

Currently, East Providence's collection system includes 27 sewer pump stations, 133 miles of sewer, and 3,216 sewer manholes. East Providence's Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) handles on average 6.7 million gallons per day and at peak handles 14.2 million gallons per day.

The City has begun the work of planning for the repairs and replacement of highly deficient and damaged sewer collection pipelines. Many of these pipes are over 70 years old and made of vitrified clay. They have far outlived their life cycle and are in need of major investment.

I am happy to report that work is underway on the seawall at Rose Larisa Park. The seawall has incurred damage over the years since it was first constructed in the early 1900s. A section of the wall collapsed in 2021 and emergency repairs were authorized. Our goal is to see the rebuild of the wall completed in 2022.

In 2021 the City, RIDOT, and National Grid reached an agreement that effectively ended our litigation over who should pay for the electric cost of street lights on state-owned roads. East Providence had been paying the electric bill for lights on state roads, going forward the state will assume those costs once the lights are converted to LED. We selected Rise Engineering to begin our streetlight conversion project, which will convert the city's 5,200 streetlights to LED lights, resulting in annual savings to taxpayers and illumination of red capped lights that had been turned off years ago as a cost savings measure.

In 2021, our Administration began the work of exploring the feasibility of bringing to fruition a community center for our residents. Our residents have twice asked our past

city leaders to build them a recreation center. We are now uniquely positioned to see their wishes become a reality leveraging American Rescue Plan Act funds to build our residents a state-of-the-art community center.

Community Engagement:

One of the primary missions of our administration during this pandemic was to help raise the spirits and morale of our community. In 2021 the City was able to host probably one of the greatest Fourth of July Celebrations with a spectacular fireworks display and with a host of volunteer performers who provided entertainment to a stadium of spectators.

In addition, the City hosted the first of its kind Christmas celebration where we honored those who lost their lives to COVID-19 at our memorial Christmas tree and held a festive vendor and holiday crafts fair.

The City has also collaborated with a number of community organizations on a number of projects including the Friends of Grassy Plains, East Providence Arts Council, EP Urban Forest, The Rhode Island Tree Council and many more to beautify, invest in and provide resources to our community.

In fact, we created the first city-wide inventory of street trees. The inventory captures the tree's location, condition, species, and additional information that will guide the city's tree planting and maintenance plans. We also worked with Save the Bay to publish a Comprehensive Plan to restore water quality in Hundred Acre Cove and accepted the donation of a new fishing pier and public park at Kettle Point Pier, increasing public access to the waterfront

The Future Looks Bright

The primary goal of our administration is to have East Providence realize its fullest potential. No longer will we be a community where opportunities are squandered, but rather East Providence will leverage our unique strengths and assets to become a city where prosperity and progress will become a reality for all our residents and businesses. The year 2022 promises to be a year of unprecedented economic growth with the construction of an outdoor music venue on the water front, an offshore wind hub, and major residential and commercial projects.



- Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva



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2021 Year in Review:

DPW Accomplishments:

Building Inspection

The Building Inspection division is responsible for all new construction and alterations of existing buildings within the city. This division issues permits which include construction/ building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical for enforcement of the RI State Building Code. The division administers the zoning ordinances. Minimum housing complaints are reviewed by the Building Inspection division. This year, the division collected \$1,092,992.12 in revenue. The information below highlights division workload for 2021.

- 5,276 Records Created
- 7,051 Inspections Completed
- 4,150 Permits Issued
- 506 Minimum Housing Inspections
- 52 Zoning Violations

Central Garage Division

This Division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of approximately 433 pieces of city- owned equipment ranging from lawnmowers to snowplow trucks, street sweepers, police vehicles and all fire apparatus. This year, the Division completed 1,314 work orders.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division is responsible for the design, permitting, and construction administration for municipal sanitary sewers, drainage systems, water mains, culverts, roads, and buildings. The division is responsible for keeping sanitary sewer, water, drainage, street and assessor's maps updated. This year, the Engineering department developed plans and specifications, and well as oversaw the construction of a variety of different projects. Specifically, the division oversaw:

- Citywide Streetlight Conversion Project
- Permit for the construction of the Riverside Middle School field

- Field lighting for Kimberly Ann Rock field, Pierce Field, and Hull Street Playground
- Rose Larisa Park seawall
- South Broadway Culvert project was completed
- Engineering study for Booth Avenue slope was completed
- Repaired metal storm drain pipe at Seaview Avenue
- Pierce Field Splash Pad completed

The Engineering Division also managed and directed work performed by the City's paving contractor for the completion of eight miles of roadway improvements which included:

- Read Street/Fenner Avenue neighborhood
- Greenwood Avenue
- Orchard Street neighborhood
- Woodland Avenue neighborhood
- Boyd Avenue

Parks Division

The Parks Division develops and maintain safe and enjoyable parks and recreational facilities for citizens of all ages and abilities. The Parks Division is committed to help enhance community pride by setting a high standard of quality for our parks, playgrounds, recreation areas and landscapes. The city has 400 acres of recreational space which includes 15 neighborhood parks and playgrounds.

This year the Division made significant improvements to the city's parks and provided ongoing service to city residents.

- New playground structure installed at Grassy Plains Park
- Willett Pond Improvements to include newly planted trees
- Hunts Mill dog park construction
- Pierce Field Basketball Complex
- Planted over 100 new trees

Public Buildings

The Public Buildings division assists in the design, construction and maintenance of all City Buildings. This year, the division continued to implement necessary pandemic precautions to keep people safe in our public buildings. In addition, the division made significant building improvements which included:

- Lightning Protection installed on the roof of Fire Station 2
- HVAC system upgrade to the Police Station
- New sprinkler system installed at the Weaver Library
- Portable air filter units distributed to all City offices
- Installed heat and air conditioning replacement at the Pump House on Dover Avenue
- Replaced lead hot water pump, exhaust, and chemical feeder on the boiler at the Police Station
- Removed old flooring and provided stable base flooring in preparation for final flooring stabilization project at the Carousel building
- Designed and installed new Welcome sign for the Robert Rock Senior Center
- Updated, remodeled, and moved seven offices in City Hall
- Repaired the roof at Hunts Mills Pump House

- Painted new wing of the Senior Center to include the receptionist area, machine workout room, call center office, and cafeteria
- Installed new flooring in the Senior Center cafeteria
- Installed hurricane proof windows at the Senior Center
- Supervised exterior remodeling project to include painting, new windows, and miscellaneous repairs at the Sweetland House
- Supervised demolition of the Platt Watters School building
- Installed new fire alarm system in the DPW Garage

Refuse and Recycling

The Refuse and recycling Division is responsible for the oversight of all residential rubbish, recycling, yard waste, appliances, mattresses and box spring collections. New this year as part our curbside collection we introduced a bulky item pickup which is done every Friday by appointment for items that do not fit in your trash cart such as furniture. It's the mission of Refuse/Recycling division to reduce the amount of waste and reliance on landfills through waste reduction, recycling and reuse programs. The division is also responsible for programs such as Earth Day Clean ups, Shredding events, Household Hazardous waste events and many community cleanup events.

By state law, the city's recycling rate should be 35% of the solid waste brought to the landfill. The city is also required to divert a minimum of 50% of its solid waste. This is done through our drop off programs for materials such as metals, rigid plastics, books, textiles, cooking oil, motor oil, propane tank, appliances, e-waste and mattresses.

In 2021, the division's trash collection program collected 15,053 tons of trash and 4,570 tons of recyclables. This year, the City had a recycling rate of 24%.

Water Utilities Division

The Water Utilities Division provides the City with the highest quality drinking water at the flow and pressure necessary to protect the public health and welfare and to support economic development within the City of East Providence. In 2021, the Division made infrastructure replacements and improvements to improve the reliability of the water system and improve the quality of service to our consumers. Specifically:

Source of supply

- Installed emergency interconnections with the Pawtucket Water Supply Board at Pawtucket Ave and Narragansett Park Drive.
- Completed planning phase and preliminary engineering for inspection of the 42 inch supply line from the Providence Water Supply Board in Cranston to Kent Heights in East Providence.
- Repair and rehabilitation of air relief assemblies at Veterans Memorial Parkway.
- Secured agreements with Bristol County Water Authority for operations of joint interconnections, ownership of emergency pump station and engineering design for future interconnection with the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.
- Installation of control system, and energy efficient motor drives in the emergency pump station on Pawtucket Ave.
- Participation with BCWA in construction of 24-inch line between BCWA and Kent Heights.

- Meters and Radios
- Installation of 696 meters
- Installation of 1325 meter interface units (radios)
- Distribution System Improvements
- Replacement of 20 hydrants
- Replaced 40 feet of 12 inch water main in highland Ave
- Replace 73 outdated water services

Fire Dept. Accomplishments:

- In 2021, we submitted a total of 13 requests for COVID expense reimbursement through FEMA's Public Assistance Program. From those submittals, the City received over \$960,000 in FEMA Reimbursements for cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, and more; along Vaccine Clinic expenses including personnel and material costs. The total COVID expense reimbursement to the City since the beginning of the COVID response was \$1,255,855.38 as of December 31st, 2021. The effort to recover the City's COVID expenses continues in 2022.
- EMA processed an additional \$725,000 in Regional Vaccine Clinic expenses from April through June of 2021 that was supplied to the City upfront through FEMA "Expedited Funding".
- In February, we recertified our enrollment in FEMA's Community Rating System, a program of flood management activities that achieve 10% discounts on Federal flood insurance for City policy holder.
- In July, we worked with RIEMA to re-confirm use of the City's two libraries as FEMA "Disaster Recovery Centers" in the case of a major disaster where FEMA would offer financial assistance to individual residents.
- EMA coordinated the City's response to Tropical Storm Henri on August 22, which was supported by Mayor's Office and numerous City departments.
- Work commenced on the 2022 update of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan in coordination with the Planning Department. This will inform hazard mitigation infrastructure projects over the next 5 years and maintain the City's compliance with FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System.

EPFD accomplishments:

- 1) NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Class at Station 3
- 2) 2/10/2021 Graduation 34th Training Academy 20 Members
- 3) Worked on Capital Budget expenditures Re-chassis Rescue 2 (On-Order, New floors Station 3 (complete)
- 4) Preparing for 35th Fire Academy 25 recruits

- 5) Hearing Exams full department
- 6) Medical Physicals Full Department
- 7) Delivery of new Ladder 1
- 8) Purchased Symposium Computer Aided Dispatch (75K Capital complete)
- 9) EMT Refresher
- 10) Fire Captain promotional exam
- 11) Lieutenant promotional exam
- 12) Hydrant inspections
- 13) Heavy Rescue state regional team 12/1/21
- 14) New Car 1 63K
- 15) New stake-body truck 96K
- 16) Youth Fire Academy
- 17) EMS Recertification full Department
- 18) Planning New Dispatch Center
- 19) Distance learning network for all fire stations
- 20) 4th Rescue in-service part time days
- 21) Dispatcher Academy
- 22) Grants from the Federal Government
 - 800K for new Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - 900K Paramedicine & Paramedic Training
 - 387k Port Security Grant
- 23) State Grants from the State of RI
 - HazMat 60K
 - Marine 60K
 - TRT 75K
 - Flammable Liquids 15K

- Exxon Mobil \$2500
- OSPAR funding Grant 20K

Emergency Management Agency/Fire Dept.

January:

- Ongoing Covid-19 Testing for all City Employees
- Vaccinations for first responders
- Covid-19 reimbursements

February:

- Opened Covid-19 call center at the Senior Center
- Hired part time employees to work at the Covid-19 call center at the Senior Center
- Ramping up Vaccination effort at EP Senior Center, 75 plus Population
- Vaccinating various age groups per RIDOH Guidelines
- EP named as a Regional Vaccination POD by the Governor's Office & RIDOH
- Planning for a Regional Vaccination POD

March:

- Vaccinations for all Teachers
- Ongoing vaccination initiatives for the elderly 65 Plus
- City Council approved a Stake Body truck for EMA

April:

- Opened COVID -19 Regional Vaccination POD at 585 Taunton Ave.
- Our new COVID-19 Vaccination partners, Barrington Bristol Warren, Pawtucket and Middletown
- Ongoing vaccination initiatives for teachers
- Ongoing Popup vaccination initiatives at all High Rises in the city

May:

- Ongoing vaccination initiatives for schools
- Ongoing Popup vaccination initiatives at the Cape Verdean Club
- Dam Management planning project

June:

- 4th Rescue a in-service part time Days
- Opened cooling centers due to heat wave
- PIA for recruits
- American Eagle donated 1000 surgical masks to FD
- Safe Station Rollout

July:

- Popup clinic at City Fireworks at Peirce Field
- Popup Clinic CV Club
- Popup clinic at Farmers Market
- Recruitment drive for Firefighters

August:

- Kidde donation of animal O2 masks
- Meeting City Hall with Dave Bachrach for Chromebook give away for vaccinations

September:

- Accepted an Award from the American Heart Association to EPFD

October:

- Popup clinic at Rose Larisa Park

November

- New Ladder 1 delivered
- 5-11 year-old Vaccination Day

December

- Visiting Southeastern Massachusetts Dispatch Center

Police Department

- In 2021, the East Providence Department conducted Body Worn/Cruiser Camera and Taser trials where AXON won the bid to outfit the department with body worn cameras and the new Taser 7
- Two recruitment drives were held for the police department.
- The Police Department acquired a comfort dog named "Marty"
- 2 detectives graduated from URI BCI School and another one is currently attending.
- Automated speed enforcement began. Warning period started 11/3 and ended 12/23

Calls for service: 33,824

Total Arrest 941 (AR)

Total Accident Reports 1625 (AC)

Total Incident Reports 3650 (OF)

Total Arrest Warrants 163 (WA)

Municipal Citations 755

Civil Citations 719

Notice and Demand 131

APRA Request 677

Total Police Tows 1152

Total Domestic Arrest 155

· Total Assault Arrest 144

· Total Robbery Arrest 6

· Total Larceny Arrest 22

· Total DUI Arrest 42

· Total Firearms Arrest 6

Seized 6 firearms

Over \$50,000 in cocaine

Over \$10,000 in Fentanyl

Seized \$31,000

New Hires:

Probationary Officers March 22, 2021

- James Baino
- Kenneth Arruda.

Police Trainee March 22, 2021

- Jason Persampieri

Police Trainees June 7, 2021

- Christopher Cherry

- Jason Nogler

Dispatcher Trainees August 31, 2021

- Michael Barbosa
- Scott Marcinko
- Kellie Parent

Probationary Officers December 13, 2021

- Christopher Cherry
- Jason Nogler

Retirements:

- Dispatcher Daniel Evans March 1, 2021
- Sergeant Michael Rose March 26, 2021
- Lieutenant Raymond Blinn June 19, 2021
- Sergeant Kenneth Luke June 19, 2021
- Chief William Nebus October 12, 2021
- Sergeant John Andrews November 8, 2021

Promotions:

- Sergeant Michael Rapoza to Lieutenant January 3, 2021
- Inspector Craig Stroka to Sergeant April 4, 2021
- SRO Roland Estrada to Sergeant July 7, 2021
- Sergeant Darren Ellinwood to Lieutenant July 8, 2021
- Detective Corporal Warren Caldwell to Sergeant July 8, 2021
- Patrol Officer Candace Pacheco to Detective Corporal July 8, 2021
- Deputy Chief Christopher Francesconi to Acting Chief October 12, 2021
- Acting Chief Christopher Francesconi to Chief October 25, 2021
- Lieutenant Mark Cadoret to Captain October 31, 2021
- Sergeant Todd Poland to Lieutenant October 31, 2021
- Captain Barry Ramer to Deputy Chief November 4, 2021
- Detective Corporal Kris Ellinwood to Sergeant November 19, 2021
- Patrol Officer Andrea Pratt to Acting Detective Corporal November 17, 2021
- Detective Corporal Stephen Evans to Sergeant November 28, 2021
- Acting Detective Corporal Andrea Pratt to Detective Corporal December 9, 2021

Patrol Officer Matthew Simon to Detective Corporal December 18, 2021

***Commendations:**

Honorable Service Award

- Sergeant Diogo Mello

Letter of Recognition

- Captain James Nelson
- Lieutenant Raymond Blinn

Unit Citation

- Lieutenant Andy Benoit
- Sergeant Justin Ogni
- Officer Michael O'Connell
- Officer Patrick Holmes
- Officer Quint Dow
- Officer Michael Rosa
- Officer Patrick Kelley
- Officer Ryan Feeney
- Officer Conor Debold
- Dispatcher Frances Gianopoulos

*Commendations above dated January 25, 2021

Life Saving Award Officer

- Ryan Feeney
- Officer Ryan Cute

Letter of Recognition

- Officer Michael O'Connell

Life Saving Award

- Officer Ryan Feeney

Honorable Service Award

- Officer Jacob Mount

Letter of Recognition

- Officer Conor Debold

Honorable Service Award

- Officer Candace Pacheco

Life Saving Award

- Officer Stephen DeMedeiros
- Officer Quint Dow

Life Saving Award

- Sergeant Michael Rose
- Corporal Thomas Aguiar
- Officer Sandra Bonvehi
- Officer Stephen Burns
- Officer Richard Cordeiro

*Commendations above dated January 25, 2021

Commendations-

Honorable Service Award May 10, 2021

- Officer Ryan Havunen
- Officer Christopher Day

Honorable Service Award September 2, 2021

- Officer Patrick Holmes

Planning Accomplishments:

East Providence Mixed-Use Overlay Ordinance

With the changes society has witnessed in recent decades relating to online buying and its adverse impact on commercial main street corridors, the City determined there was a strong need to promote and sponsor an ordinance that relaxed the generally inflexible and rigid zoning regulatory framework that hampered downtown reinvestment on the City's primary downtown corridors including Taunton Avenue, Warren Avenue, Waterman Avenue and Riverside Square.

The city's mixed-use overlay ordinance, first drafted in 2016 for Taunton Avenue to promote downtown investment, was expanded in 2021 to include additional commercial corridors in the City. The downtown corridor mixed use overlay ordinance allows for a more flexible and forward thinking ordinance that affords developers greater latitude to develop mixed use development along these corridors and reduce the restrictions that prohibit developers from making a profit on these downtown investments. In recent years developers have indicated that prior existing zoning requirements have encumbered reinvestment by establishing restrictions that essentially make it impossible for developers to turn an appreciable profit on their investment for projects that they are contemplating on the city's downtown corridors. Off street parking and the inability to mix commercial and residential uses into a single building were highlighted as two of the most aggravating factors to reinvestment. The ordinance that was approved by the City Council in 2021 provides an answer to the relative inflexibility of current retail commercial (C-3) zoning and incorporates an expanded overlay that allows developers to overcome some of the major impediments that restrict redevelopment of older but completely viable downtown corridor buildings. The Planning Department recognized that investment in these buildings would be difficult if not impossible without the incorporation of design standards that promote investment and effectively mitigate these land use related impediments to redevelopment. Working with staff from the Zoning Division, the Department of Planning drafted an ordinance that provided greater flexibility in the types of uses allowed, relief from off-street parking standards and relief from setback and coverage provisions. The ordinance primarily focuses on overcoming key impediments for development through the following measures including, expanding allowed land uses within the downtown district, reducing off-street parking requirements, allowing greater flexibility for setback coverage and height requirements and requiring Development Plan Review for all proposed developments.

As a result of the Mixed Use Overlay ordinance adoption, significant investments have occurred or are in the process of moving forward, either with construction currently underway or projects that are moving through the process of permitting. Some of the most notable new investments in

these downtown corridors include The Lofts on Taunton, a mixed use commercial retail and multifamily residential development, Oddfellows Hall redevelopment, Ivy Place a mixed use development that will be constructed immediately across from City Hall on Taunton Avenue and Ivy Street and the Waterman Avenue 24 unit multi-family residential project. The City believes that the City's Mixed-Use Overlay Ordinance has, and will continue to promote, transformational change in East Providence, with new economic investment that will lead to more vibrant downtown economies and the attraction of new residents who will choose to live, work and play and contribute to the social fabric of life in East Providence.

Watchemoket Square Study Project

The City of East Providence has been making well-planned steps toward advancing the development of the City's waterfront and planning for district enhancements in the form of branding and place making within the Watchemoket Square District, with wayfinding signage, public art, streetscape enhancements and related multi-modal improvements that will enhance, unify, and support the overall viability of the waterfront district. The purpose of completing the Watchemoket Square study project, which was primarily funded through a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant, is to help the City re-discover, coalesce and formalize an approach to unifying and enhancing Watchemoket Square. The study provides a set of recommendations that will help the City, developers, businesses, and residents alike to adopt strategies and implement improvements to make Watchemoket Square a safer, more attractive, and interesting place to visit along with the overarching goal of re-establishing the area as a recognized destination and gateway to great waterfront attractions that are burgeoning within the waterfront. The Watchemoket Square Study, prepared by the Beta Group, developed a variety of short-term, mid-term and long-term recommendations to accomplish the task of improving the Square and developing a future road map that identifies a set of policy amendments and infrastructure improvements that will make Watchemoket Square a more viable regional destination in support of the City's efforts to develop a safe and vibrant place that generates tourism and economic development expansion in East Providence. The City anticipates submitting additional grant applications to fund a number of the recommendation that are provided in the report.

Public engagement during the pandemic

- Held four virtual and four in-person Comprehensive Plan workshops. Also hosted a pop-up tent at the Weaver Library Farmer's Market
- Over 90 members of the community attended the Riverside Square Open House
- ARPA Survey obtained over 400 responses
- 1st Street Pilot Bike Lane Public meeting and survey received over 300 responses.

Capital Projects

- 22 Capital Projects were completed that were approved in either FY 2020 or 2021 budget.

- Additional projects are in-progress because they are multi-year projects. c. Instituted a process for regular reporting of capital projects and implemented a project management software system to track status

Housing

- Met the statewide goal of obtaining a minimum threshold of 10 percent of the City's Housing stock being affordable to low-to-moderate income households.
- Added new housing units to the ageing housing stock. 43 new housing permits issued (19 one- or two-family dwelling units, 24 apartment units)
- Created 11 new lots at the former site of the vacant Platt-Watters School Complex for 8 single family homes and 3 two-family affordable homes to be built.

Environment

- Created the first city-wide inventory of street trees. The inventory captures the tree's location, condition, species, and additional information that will guide the city's tree planting and maintenance plans.
- Worked with Save the Bay to publish a Comprehensive Plan to restore water quality in Hundred Acre Cove.
- Accepted the donation of a new fishing pier and public park at Kettle Point Pier, increasing public access to the waterfront.

Transportation

- Implemented speed signage on streets with high rates of speeding
- Piloted connecting the Easy Bay Bike Path to the George Redman Linear Park via a protected bike lane.

Land Use

- Expanded the uses allowed on Taunton Avenue, Waterman Avenue, Warren Avenue, and Bullocks Point Avenue to reduce vacancies and increase economic activity.
- Reduced minimum parking requirements in mixed-use zones to reduce vacancies that were the result of excess parking requirements.
- Partnered with Roger Williams University to conduct a land use, economic, architecture, and preservation study on Riverside Square.

Economy

- Economic Development Commission (EDC) issued 2 loans to East Providence Businesses, Crook Point Brewery and Honeybird Kitchen.
- A number of vacant parcels were permitted for development which will increase the tax base and beautify derelict commercial property.

Grants

- DEM Grant used to complete Splash Pad at Pierce Field
- Awarded grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies for Asphalt Art at Pierce Field and Hennessy School
- Utilized grant funding from the National Park Service that was administered by the RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission to create an interpretive signage plan documenting the historical importance of a variety of sites in East Providence.
- Awarded a grant to improve the trail head signage at two city walking trails

Projects

Pierce Field Splash Pad

The City of East Providence installed a new splash pad water park at Pierce Memorial Field, the city's primary recreation and historic athletic field complex, in June 2021. The project has a 2,520 sq. ft. footprint, with an 860 sq. ft. spray area surrounded by a 10' wide spray-free zone around the perimeter. Four benches were installed in the spray-free zone to provide seating for family members and caregivers. A four-foot high black vinyl chain link fence with two gates was installed around the perimeter to provide added safety. A new concrete pedestrian path connects the splash pad to the existing sidewalks. The splash pad, which features Vortex equipment, is ADA accessible, providing access to water based play for people of all ages and abilities. The splash pad is open to the public during the summer season from Father's Day to Labor Day. This project was funded through a 2020 RIDEM Recreation Development Grant of \$100,000. The GreenSpace grant program, created through state bonds, provides matching funds to cities and towns for the acquisition, development and renovation of outdoor recreational lands and facilities. The City's cash match of \$45,903 was provided through

\$25,000 from the FY2020 Capital Budget and remaining \$19,903 from the operating budget.

The splash pad opened on June 28, 2021 with a ribbon cutting event and was heavily utilized all summer by the city's summer recreation camps, residents, and visitors. This is the second splash pad water park in the City of East Providence, after the opening of the splash pad at the Onna Moniz-John/Central Avenue Park in 2019, also funded by a RIDEM Recreation Development grant. The new splash pad at Pierce Memorial Field provides a much needed water element to this popular recreation complex that serves thousands of youth and adults each year.

Street Tree Inventory

The City of East Providence, in partnership with citizen group EP Urban Forest, successfully completed a citywide street tree inventory in summer 2021. Through the work of a summer intern and participation of 20 community volunteers, a total of 6,376 street trees were inventoried. Data collected on each tree includes the species, size of trunk, height, condition, type of growing space, and location (latitude/longitude). The Planning Department and Parks Division can now use this baseline data for urban forestry management and planning, such as identifying priority areas for street tree planting programs and budgeting for tree maintenance

and pest control. This project was funded through a \$4,875 grant from the RIDEM Urban & Community Forestry Program, with the city providing an in-kind match of over \$8,000 in in-kind labor. Next steps include data cleanup and GIS mapping in order to conduct a more in-depth analysis. A set of data and maps will be made publicly accessible for education and advocacy around the importance of our city's trees.

Photo caption: EP Urban Forest member Mark Hengen conducts the tree inventory volunteer training

Other tree initiatives

In addition, the city completed a tree planting project in collaboration with citizen group EP Urban Forest. A native tree grove, featuring 14 biodiverse native tree species, was planted at Hull Street Park behind Whiteknact Elementary School in May 2021. Fully funded through a TD GreenSpace Grant, phase II of this project will be completed in spring 2022 with the installation of an outdoor classroom and educational signage for use by the school and the public.

Photo caption: Mayor with EP Urban Forest; Volunteers help plant trees at native forest grove behind Whiteknact Elementary

Community Development Accomplishments:

- During the FY 2021, the Community Development Office provided over \$630,000 of CDBG funding that benefited over 18,000 East Providence residents. The provided programs ranged from job-training for youth, food distribution to families, direct services for seniors, mental and behavioral health services, and housing renovation financing.
- In addition, the Community Development office provided over \$120,000 of CDBG – CV funding to help address some of the effects of the coronavirus. Over 4,500 people benefited from provided services such as food distribution, mortgage and rental assistance, eviction prevention legal services, and the distribution of over 1,500 free Chromebooks to accommodate remote learning access health services and keeping in touch with loved ones.

Library accomplishments:

- Won \$143,397 in competitive grant funds to support library services and infrastructure improvements.
- Replaced and updated the Weaver Library Fire Sprinkler system.
- Moved toward greater equity, inclusion, and accessibility by becoming a fine free library.
- Hosted the 8th consecutive Weaver Library Farmers' Market and other live outdoor events such as the Pumpkin Stroll, the New Providence Big Band, and pop-up vaccination clinics, attracting thousands of city residents.
- Improved the library's outdoor spaces with comfortable outdoor seating and outdoor WI-FI at all three library branches.

- Added two new collections including a digitized version of the library's East Providence High School Yearbook collection and a Library of Things, a collection of special items that expands the boundaries of traditionally defined library materials.
- Partnered with the Planning Department, the RI Tree Council, and National Grid on an improvement project to protect the Weaver Library's Copper Beech tree. Both the Copper Beech and the library's Ginkgo tree named Champion Trees by the RI Tree Council.
- Total circulation of library materials: 203,743
- Visits: 91,432
- Virtual Visits: 131,923
- Total library programs: 849
- Total program attendance: 9430
- Wireless sessions: 10,505
- Library goals for 2022:
- Enhance and update library's website

Information Technology Accomplishments:

IT department provides on-site and remote IT services for all employees and departments. Over the last year, we received 2,802 requests for assistance from employees. We support 600 computers and laptops with 75 mobile units in Patrol, EMS, and Fire.

COVID Response:

The IT staff was vital to City operations during COVID in three important facets. First, we prepared employees to work from home safely and securely. Second, we setup COVID vaccination and testing sites. And third, we managed all important City meetings to meet hybrid or virtual.

COVID Vaccination and Testing Sites:

The IT Department setup technology including a COVID Hotline telephone system consisting of 6 call takers, automated routing and data portal. This hotline was vital in our ability to help residents make COVID vaccination appointments. We installed 50 Microsoft Surface Tablets for the call-takers, emergency personnel and Senior Center employees. We also installed a powerful WI-FI system for the entire Senior Center. This was necessary as first responders were required to us wireless tablets to check in residents, fill out vaccination forms and schedules secondary shots. We worked the East Providence Fire to set up wireless office spaces and cellular access for the outdoor COVID testing in the parking area and continue to have technology at Breed Hall to support testing. And finally, we setup the regional vaccination site at 585 Taunton Avenue with wireless access, EMS testing computers, and 60 iPads. Most importantly, the turn-around time was critical and crucial, with little or no time to spare. We acted efficiently and expeditiously. All COVID vaccination sites were fully operational and supported by the City team. Any calls for service were addressed within the hour. For this successful project we worked with Cox Communications for our hotline and Wi-Fi backhaul, Microsoft Surface Tablets, Office 365, AT&T and Cisco Meraki.

City Working from Home: Another key success for the IT department was our deployment of laptops and wireless access for City workers to work from home. We deployed 70 remote access packages that included a laptop/tablet, encryption, secure remote access which included multi-factor authentication to City resources internally. We were able to stem the spread of the virus as well as keep critical city services afloat. It's important to note, IT staff did not work remotely or from home. Due to our support of public safety including Police, Fire, EMS and the DPW, it was important that the IT staff report to work on site. The dedication and time spent by the IT department to keep everyone working and healthy was a valuable asset for the City. For this project success we used Microsoft Surface Tablets, DUO multifactor authentication, NetMotion VPN, AT&T First Net, Office 365 Email, One Drive, Teams and Sharepoint.

Virtual / Hybrid Meeting: The IT department worked hard to deliver hybrid virtual meetings to City Council, Zoning, Budget Workshops and other various boards. We implemented Zoom and Microsoft Teams. We interviewed and hired capable AV specialist to assist moderating the hybrid meeting with each meeting requiring at two IT personnel to successfully run in hybrid mode. We purchased new cameras, installed large TV monitors, purchased sound mixers and learned with everyone the best platforms to continue to take public input remotely and on site. We added products for e-signature so that boards like the East Providence personnel hearing board could meet virtually and then sign off on recommendations. We found new ways to operate quickly, remotely and securely. For this project success we utilized Zoom, Panasonic TVs, BirdDog PTZ cameras, and HP laptops.

Capital Projects Completed: We completed the following Capital Projects

City Wi-Fi \$75,000 Fire CAD \$75,000 City Hall Security: \$ 80,000 Pierce Field and Carousel Surveillance: \$17,765

Department Support:

This year we worked closely with each department to improve their technology.

- We wrote the RFP for Police Body Cameras, In Car Video and Video Management / Storage. Working with six officers, we completed a live trial of body cameras and secured a contract.
- We updated the electrical supports at the Police Department adding a new electrical subpanel, outlet and UPS units.
- We worked with the Fire Department with their conversion from IMC CAD to Symposium, new phone system, internet, Wi-Fi and Firewalls at all stations.
- We assisted the Fire Training Department with Training Stations for each station to include a 75" screen and cart for remote training.
- The Senior Center received a new phone system and Bingo machine as well as Chromebooks for after school learning programs.
- The DPW we moved files to One Drive and SharePoint and installed new firewalls, internet and phone system. For Treasury, we assisted with a new billing program

Category Distribution:

- Support 1972
- Server – remote - 208
- Account Maintenance 194
- Cisco phone 85
- Software 73
- Network 35
- Printer 27
- Server – physical – 25
- WebRoot Conversion Project - 24
- PC 23
- Office 365 22
- Laptop 15
- Getac Rugged Tablet 12
- Microsoft Surface Tablet 11
- Wireless Access Point 9
- Cameras 8
- Projects 7
- iPhone 5
- Access Control Systems 5
- Security Systems 4
- UPS 4
- Police Dispatch 4
- AV Equipment 3
- Fax 3
- Telecom 2
- iPad 2
- Panasonic 1
- Police Body Cam 1
- Networks Switch 1
- Surveillance Camera System 1

Source Distribution:

- Agent Portal 1059
- User Portal 730
- Email 567
- Scheduler 420
- Mobile App 26

Recreation Center Accomplishments:

- After School at the Rec.: 18 youth members registered

- Kids night out: 15 youth members registered each month
- December Vacation Day Camp
- Youth Basketball started in December, held at Waddington
- Teen Weight Training
- Adult Fix Mix
- Free family game night in November
- Free holiday family fun in December

Adult Special Needs: Adult Special Needs Programing was able to begin again in October. This benefitted our participants greatly as they have been home bound due to the pandemic and have not been able to socialize with their peers in over a year and a half. We have 22 registered participants at this time. They meet twice a week for programing in a safe setting here at the Recreation Center. Programs include: Bingo, Dance, movies, coffee hour, crafts and special events.

Crescent Park Carousel:

Events:

- Calendar Raffle - May 2021
- 3rd Annual Coyote 5K - May 12-26, 2021
- Movies in the Park – Raya and the Last Dragon August 20, 2021
- Cruise Nights – Saturdays, May - September
- Belated 125th Birthday Celebration - July 24, 2021
- Great Townie Pumpkin Festival - October 2, 2021
- Trunk or Treat - October 23, 2021

Staff: In addition to our own events in 2021, Carousel staff assisted the Recreation Department with planning and execution of several programs, including Summer Camp, the Summer Concert Series, and Winterfest. Staff also assisted with the COVID-19 hotline throughout the year, scheduling vaccines, transportation, and tests; aided with food distribution.

Grants:

- Rhode Island Legislative Community Service Grant

2021 began on an historic note with the introduction of the first COVID-19 vaccine! Recreation and Carousel team staffers were on board to get the city's most vulnerable population vaccinated. We're proud to say that we were instrumental in getting 5,500 East Providence seniors ages 75 and over vaccinated! To date, the Recreation and Carousel team continue to assist in the effort to get all age-eligible populations vaccinated, scheduling COVID tests and connecting people with food, social services and other resources.

COVID-19 relief operations:

- Assisting the public with scheduling online vaccine appointments.
- Coordinating routes, scheduling drivers and providing door to door transportation for city residents to vaccination clinics anywhere in RI.
- Providing staff and support services for the East Providence Vaccination clinics
- Delivering bag lunches and fresh and frozen meals to city senior citizens and special needs adults.
- Coordinated food pantry deliveries from January - June to an average of 75 families per month with food insecurities that couldn't get to the food pantry due to the pandemic.
- Collaborated with community partners in distributing food staples to home bound seniors.
- Scheduling COVID-19 testing appointments

Summer Fun 2021:

- Recreation's summer camp was held at Pierce field for youth ages 6-12 and special needs youth ages 6-21. Registration maxed out at 132 registered campers. Camp staff worked diligently to follow all of the safety guidelines and because of their hard work we had a very successful camp season.
- Provided transportation and free meals to the Townie Youth Sports Camp
- Summer Food Service Program: As a SFSP Sponsor, EP Recreation served 9,824 free meals to youth and teens up to age 18 this summer.
- Summer Concert series. Concerts in the Park were back in a big way with hundreds flocking to beautiful Rose Larisa park each Thursday evening from June through August.
- Independence Day Celebration: Canceled in 2020, the annual 4th of July fireworks were attended by an estimated 4,500.

Winter Fun 2021: The 11th annual Winterfest celebration continued to rebound from the pandemic with nearly 300 illuminated trees, a laser light show and other family friendly activities that drew over 300 visitors.

Finance Department Accomplishments:

The mission of the finance department is to assess, collect and account for the revenues and expenses of the City of East Providence. The finance department is divided into three division. Each division has a separate staff and to perform their function. The divisions work collaboratively with each other to; properly assess the value of property, motor vehicles and tangible property; efficiently collect the revenues for the entire city, and accurately account for the revenues and expenses of the entire city.

It's been a very busy year for the finance department. In 2021 the department implemented new software in all division and has been looking to expand on the city's OpenGov transparency portal. The city has been awarded almost \$30,000,000 from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which will be set up and accounted for within the finance

department. In addition to this, the controller's office has seen turn over in three of their five positions.

Controller

- Implemented new accounting software
- 14,744 invoices paid
- 6,187 checks cut
- 27 RFPs
- 7,085 purchase orders

Tax Assessment

- Implemented new tax assessment software
- \$5,035,801,472 assessed value for motor vehicle, real and tangible property
- 15,906 parcels assessed
- 47,502 motor vehicles assessed
- 1,526 tangible properties assessed

Tax Collection

- \$114,706,784 collected in general fund revenues
- 61,910 general fund transactions processed
- \$22,675,308 collected in water and sewer fees
- 141,504 Water/Sewer transactions processed

Clerk's Office Accomplishments:

Total LQ Licenses issued: 81

- Class A-10
- Class B Full- 45
- Class B Limited-10
- Class C (saloon)-2
- Class D(club)-14

Total Marriage Licenses issued: 248

Total Dog Licenses issued: 509

Total Business Licenses issued: 441

- Victualling-172
- Holiday\Sunday Sales-110
- Additional Hrs-11
- Pool Table-13
- Tattoo Parlor-4
- MFE (food trucks)-12
- Solicitors-7
- Auto Body Repair-1
- Bowling-1
- Movie Theater-0
- Dance/Ent-27
- Detective-7
- Driver Peddler-5
- Gatherer-2
- Gun Dealer-1
- kennel-4
- Laundry-10
- Motel\Hotel-2
- Night Soil-3
- Pinball-1
- Rollerskating-1
- Rooming House-1
- Sec/Antiques-1
- Sec/Auto-26
- Sec Gold/Silver-2
- Sec/Misc-2
- Trap Shooting-1
- Video-2
- Wrecker/Tower-10
- Hawker-5

Senior Services Accomplishments:

- Reopening of the Senior Center after being closed from March 2020 from to June 2021. A Welcome Back Celebration was held on June 17, 2021.
- Dedication and renaming of the East Providence Senior Center to the Robert Rock Senior Center on December 10, 2021.
- The Senior Center managed the City's Covid-19 Hotline receiving over a hundred thousand calls from East Providence residents providing information and assistance with setting up appointments for vaccination and testing.
- Received Rhode Island State Designated Grant through the Office of Healthy Aging in the amount of \$39,807.00 to support senior services in East Providence. The award is based on the federally reported percentage of older Rhode Islanders (65 years and older) living within our city limits.

- Received Cares III B Grant through the Office of Healthy Aging in the amount of \$39,807.00 to provide support services for seniors (age 60 years and older), their families, and caretakers during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Received Senate Legislative Grant sponsored by Senator Valerie J. Lawson of Senate District 14, in the amount of \$10,000.00. These funds are awarded to assist in funding support for community based programs and projects related to a wide array of initiatives such as economic development, public safety, health care, arts, education and job training, historic preservation, senior services, as well as providing critical services and assistance to those most vulnerable in the communities served.
- Senior Center membership for period of January 1, 2021 through 12/31/21 is 614 members. The Senior Center however serves many older adults, caretakers and family members in the community with information and referral including but not limited to tax assistance, support with applications for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), energy assistance, housing and State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).
- The Senior Center is a Title III B Congregate Meal site. In 2021 our Café served 17,671 meals to East Providence older adults or disabled persons.
- A total of 17,671 meals were served at the East Providence Senior Center Café.
- 200 shelf stable food boxes (Provided by East Bay Community Action Meal Site Program) were distributed to food insecure seniors in our community.
- 20 turkeys and food baskets were distributed to seniors in East Providence at Thanksgiving (Donated by East Commerce Solutions).
- 20 Bags of food and 14 grocery store gift cards were distributed to seniors at Thanksgiving. (Donated by the Teddy Borges Memorial Fund).
- 400 Senior Farmer's Market vouchers were distributed by the East Providence Senior Center to seniors living in East Providence. (Provided by a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Agriculture).
- Healthy Aging Nurse hired to coordinate health programs at the Senior Center. Nurse became certified as a diabetes outpatient educator.
- Senior Center launched a new evidence-based Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure program. The first group of 9 participants completed the 4 month program receiving blood pressure cuff, weekly 1:1 check-ins, and participated in monthly nutrition classes.
- Additional evidence-based programs were offered in 2021 including: Walk with Ease, developed by the Arthritis Foundation and facilitated by trained leader from Eastbay Community Action and a virtual Chronic Pain Self-Management Program facilitated by the Community Health Network at Rhode Island Department of Health.
- On August 26, 2021, the Senior Center hosted a CPR class taught by East Providence Emergency Management personnel. Ten community members including Senior Center staff were certified.

Monthly health education programs:

- Presentations by the University of Rhode Island Pharmacy Outreach Program
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Educational Outreach Program (SNAP)
- Diabetes and Depression

- Memory Loss
- Managing Medications
- Options for Long Term Care and Medicare
- Distributed 4,800 monthly newsletters.
- Added online feature on the City's website where individuals and family members can download the Senior Center newsletter electronically.
- Added ability for seniors or family members to fill out a membership form on the City's website.
- Distributed 2,400 SNAP Education Nutrition on the Go newsletters.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program-Americorps
- 35 RSVP volunteers contributed 1,577.50 volunteer hours. The current estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$28.54. *(The Senior Center depends on our RSVP volunteers who assist in a variety of roles including: serving meals in our Café, working in our gift shop, library and fitness center. Volunteers facilitate programs such as HI Lo Jack, Bridge, BINGO, fitness and art programs. The Senior Center could not run without the generous donation of time from our RSVP volunteers.)*

Human Resources Accomplishments:

- Created to strategic approach to diversify the hiring panels as well as our workforce
- Recruited candidates (43 positions)
- 919 received and reviewed city staff (non police/fire) applications to included planners, elderly resource specialist and part-time positions to assist with vaccine clinics.
- Worked on COVID-19 policies
- Ordinance change to diversify police personnel
- Created and executed first dispatcher academy
- Executed wellness throughout the city
- Supported the EPPD with the recruitment of police candidates
- Held a police lateral process
- Held recruitment open houses for both police and fire recruitment which generated 142 police applicants (35) and 329 fire applicants (167 interviewed)
- Held contract negotiations for the United Steelworkers Local 15509 and East Providence Professional Managerial and Technical Employees Association (EPPMTEA)



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

Memo

To: Council President Robert Britto
From: Mayor Bob DaSilva
cc: Planning & Economic Development Dir. William Fazioli
Date: January 26, 2022
Re: East Providence ARPA Summary – January 2022

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. The Act and funds are intended:

- a. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- b. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- c. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

Congress specified two types of ineligible uses of funds: (1) funds may not be used for deposit into any pension fund or, for states and territories only, (2) to directly or indirectly offset a

reduction in net tax revenue resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation.

2. What East Providence Received

The City received one of two tranches of money from the US Department of Treasury. The first tranche was received in 2021 in the amount of \$13,892,956. The City will receive the second tranche in May of 2022 in the amount of \$13,892,956 for a total funding of \$ 27,785,912.

Funds have to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

3. How East Providence Can Use ARPA Funds

There are seven “buckets” or funding categories on which ARPA funds can be spent.

1. Public Health
 - a. This includes but is not limited to mitigating COVID-19 through vaccine programs, PPE, medical expenses, enhancing public health data systems, capital investments in public facilities in responding to public health needs.
 - b. Behavioral healthcare needs including mental health, substance abuse treatments, crisis response, hotlines, and services to promote access to social services, and payroll for benefits costs for employees or operating units.
2. Negative Economic Impacts (Assistance to Business)
 - a. Impacted industries include hospitality, leisure, travel or tourism
 - b. Rehiring public-sector staff
 - c. Replenishing UI trust funds
 - d. Small business support including grants and COVID mitigation/prevention
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
 - a. This includes food assistance, rent, mortgage, utility assistance
 - b. Internet access
 - c. Investing in socio-economic disparities
4. Premium Pay
 - a. Funds can be used to support staff working onsite and in-person such as workers at nursing homes, hospitals, and home care settings, workers at food production facilities, grocery stores and restaurants. Funds are required to prioritize lower income workers.
5. Infrastructure
 - a. Construct, improve and repair wastewater treatment plants.
 - b. Create green infrastructure and protect waterbodies from pollution.
 - c. Broadband projects focusing on unserved or underserved populations.
6. Revenue Replacement (General Government Services)
 - a. Building new infrastructure, including roads
 - b. Cybersecurity, hardware, software, protection of critical infrastructure
 - c. Health services
 - d. Environmental remediation
 - e. School or educational services

- f. Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.
- 7. Administrative
 - a. Funds may be used for administrative costs including consulting, project management, and implementation costs of projects.
 - b. Funds allocated into this bucket cannot exceed 10% of funds received.

4. Reporting Requirements

State and local governments receiving funding are required to report to the Department of Treasury on how funding is spent. One initial interim report is required as well as annual Project and Expenditure reports detailing project names, budgets, and statuses. The Interim Report was due August 31, 2021. The first Project and Expenditure Report is due January 31, 2022.

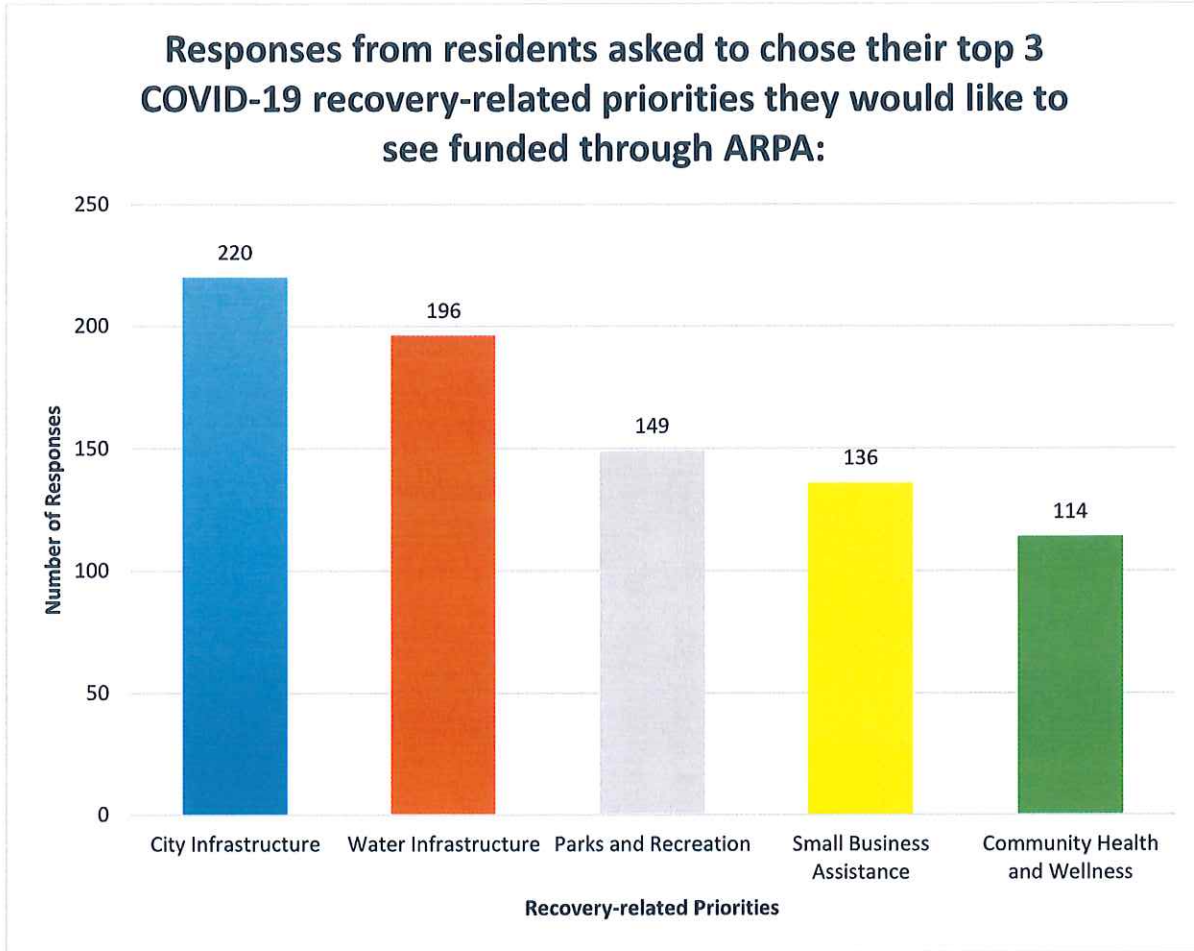
5. Community Engagement

The City issued a survey during the summer of 2021 and conducted a community meeting on August 16th with Mayor Bob DaSilva, Congressman David Cicilline (RI-01), U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), members of the East Providence City Council, East Providence Department heads, and the East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce. The City's survey asked three questions:

1. *What is your connection to East Providence?*
2. *Based on the broad goals of ARPA as outlined above, how do you recommend that the City of East Providence spend these funds? Do you have specific infrastructure ideas or programs that you would like to see funded? If so, please include your suggestions below.*
3. *Please choose your top 3 COVID-19 recovery related priorities you would like to see funded through ARPA.*

The survey received 424 responses. The top 5 priorities of survey responders were:

1. City infrastructure including improving roads and green infrastructure projects.
2. Water infrastructure including improving access to clean drinking water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure systems.
3. Improve City parks and recreational facilities to the extent of reductions in revenues.
4. Economic Small Business Assistance: Help to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic to small businesses.
5. Community health and wellness: Provide resources to meet health needs, are for those impacted by the pandemic, and/or offer services that address public health disparities.



6. How East Providence is Spending ARPA Funds

a. Existing Spending

The City has budgeted for the spending of \$2,327,073 of ARPA funds as of January 31, 2022. Of the money that has been allocated for spending, \$204,711 has been spent. Projects funded are detailed in the table below:

ARPA Projects as of January 2022	
Projects	Total Spent and or Budgeted
Rehiring public sector staff	\$985,006
IT Upgrades	\$56,000
Flood Prevention, Runnins River	\$158,900
Engineering/repair/replace Seawall at Rose Larisa Park	\$754,474
Water Contract Amendment	\$162,693
Sewer CIP & North Broadway Sewer Design	\$210,000
Total Expenses	\$2,327,073

b. Planned Spending by ARPA Category

The chart below displays how the City plans to allocate ARPA funding by eligible spending buckets based on input from the community.

ARPA Bucket	Potential City Funding
Public Health	\$5M
Negative Economic Impacts (Business Assistance)	\$6M
Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$2M
Infrastructure	\$10M
Revenue Replacement	\$3.28M
Administrative	\$1.5M
Total	\$27.78M

c. Proposed Projects by ARPA Category

The following projects are organized by their ARPA eligibility bucket and are being considered for funding with ARPA capital.

Public Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding a Community Center to house health services, employment training, and recreation services • Improve public parks, including pocket-parks in underutilized spaces • Signage and promotion for walking trails to increase recreation options and improve access to green space • Mental Health

Negative Economic Impacts (Assistance to Businesses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in business incubator and shared workspaces • Storefront façade improvement program for small businesses • Grants to small businesses most impacted by the pandemic, specifically the hospitality industry • Corridor-specific promotions and events to draw in customers • Place making • Tourism

Infrastructure

- Repair Seawall at Rose Larisa Park
- Flood control
- Improving the sewer system
- Storm water management enhancements

Revenue Replacement (General Government Services)

- Filling staff positions not filled during the Pandemic
- IT upgrades
- Computer hardware, software, and cybersecurity

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- Increasing access to Wi-Fi
- New business assistance

Administrative

- Costs associated with consulting and the management of ARPA projects and programs

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER NO.

RESCINDING BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence has previously authorized the following borrowing for the following projects (the "Projects") and has the remaining borrowing authority as indicated below in Section 1 hereof.

WHEREAS, the City no longer desires to borrow for the Projects and wishes to rescind and extinguish the authorization to borrow for the remaining amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, That:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 45-12-31, the City hereby rescinds and extinguishes the following borrowing authorizations:

<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Original Authority</u>	<u>Bonds Issued</u>	<u>Remaining Authority</u>
Chapter 216 RI Public Laws of 1998	Sanitary Sewers	\$1,208,000	\$1,205,000	\$3,000
Chapter 217 RI Public Laws of 1998	High School	\$5,097,000	\$5,095,000	\$2,000
Chapter 268/344 RI Public Laws of 2002	Community Recreation Complex	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
RI General Laws 46-12-2 & 12.8 and City Council Ordinance Ch. 530 adopted October 4, 2011	Water System Improvements	\$2,100,000	\$2,000,000	\$100,000

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 P.M. for a hearing and consideration of final passage and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Britto

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER NO.

**ADOPTING AN AMENDED EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT SPECIAL
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN (THE
"AMENDED PROJECT PLAN") AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EAST POINT
SITE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 516 adopted October 5, 2010 and October 19, 2010 (the "2010 Redevelopment Ordinance"), the City Council adopted and approved the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") and designated the area within the City described in the Redevelopment Plan as the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District as a redevelopment area (the "Redevelopment Area") pursuant to chapters 31-33 of title 45 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Redevelopment Act of 1956 (the "Redevelopment Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2010 Redevelopment Ordinance, the City Council also approved the East Providence Special Waterfront Development District Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Project Plan (the "Project Plan") which is combined in the same document with the Redevelopment Plan and designates several Special Development Sub-districts, including the Phillipsdale Special Development Sub-district, which includes the property owned by RICWG LLC (defined below) (the "East Point Project Area"); and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Commission (the "Waterfront Commission") the City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the Project Plan, by Ordinance No. 578 duly passed by the City Council on May 21, 2013 and June 4, 2013 (the "2013 Redevelopment Ordinance"), Amendment No. 2 to the Project Plan by Ordinance No. 609 duly passed by the City Council on June 17, 2014 and on July 15, 2014 (the "2014 Redevelopment Ordinance"), and Amendment No. 3 to the Project Plan by Ordinance No. 651 duly passed by the City Council on June 7, 2016 (the "2016 Redevelopment Ordinance"), Amendment No. 4 to the Project Plan by Ordinance No. 733 duly passed by the City Council on December 4, 2018 (the "2018 Redevelopment Ordinance") and, Amendment No. 5 to the Project Plan by Ordinance No. 753 duly passed by the City Council on November 19, 2019 (the "2019 Redevelopment Ordinance") based upon the City's findings, among other things, that the projects, facilities, programs and other assistance described in the Project Plan, as amended, are needed and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the City Council to facilitate redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area to accommodate the City's redevelopment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Act and chapter 33.2 of title 45 of the Rhode Island General Laws (the "Tax Increment Financing Act") the City desires to raise funds for such redevelopment by the issuance of tax increment financing bonds of the City or other bonds secured by a tax increment pledge ("TIF Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Increment Financing Act requires as conditions precedent to the creation of a tax increment, that the City Council adopt a redevelopment plan and a project plan, including the designation of a tax increment area and the calculation of the tax increment to be derived from taxes levied on real and personal property situated in or otherwise assignable for purposes of property taxation in the tax increment area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by the Redevelopment Act to make certain findings, determinations and declarations in connection with the adoption of a redevelopment plan and a project plan; and

WHEREAS, RICWG LLC ("RICWG"), the owner of the East Point Project Area, has been working with the City towards the development of an approximately 28 acre residential development consisting of single family homes, affordable housing and multi-family apartment buildings in the Phillipsdale Special Development Sub-District and anticipates significant capital expenditures for such development (the "East Point Site Project"); and

WHEREAS the East Providence Waterfront Commission has recommended that the City Council approve Amendment No. 6 to the Project Plan (attached hereto as Exhibit A) which amends the Project Plan consistent with improvements now contemplated for the East Point Project Area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act, the City shall designate a portion of the tax increment resulting from the East Point Site Project for the benefit of certain projects described in the Redevelopment Plan and the Project Plan, including the infrastructure and public improvements contemplated by the East Point Site Project (the "TIF Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide authorization, subject to Section 9 hereof, for the issuance of special obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$22,250,000 to finance and refinance the TIF Projects related to the East Point Site Project; and

WHEREAS, TIF Bonds will be payable solely from "project revenues" as defined in the Tax Increment Financing Act; and

WHEREAS, project revenues will include tax increments, bond proceeds and special assessments; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that special assessments will be properly imposed on land and improvements comprising the East Point Site Project and serve as additional security for the TIF Bonds issued for the benefit of the East Point Site Project, such special assessments to be paid over the term of any TIF Bonds issued for the benefit of the East Point Site Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Waterfront Commission shall approve an assessment plan (the "Assessment Plan") to impose such assessments which Assessment Plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the tax increment revenues will be a credit to the payment of special assessments, all as provided in the Assessment Plan to be approved by the Waterfront Commission and the City Council, and further described herein; and

WHEREAS, project revenues do not include general funds of the City; and

WHEREAS, the TIF Bonds will be special obligations of the City payable solely from project revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to further amend the Project Plan to permit the development of the East Point Project Area by RICWG or a developer to be designated by RICWG and approved by the Authorized Officers (defined below) for the purposes set forth above; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of East Providence hereby makes the following findings, determinations and declarations with regard to the East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Tax Increment Financing Plan, including Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 previously adopted, and Amendment No. 6 attached hereto, inclusive of the site plan (attached hereto as Exhibit B) entitled "East Point Alternate Site Scheme" reflecting the East Point Project Area and comprising Map 203 Block 1/Lot 4 and Map 203/Block 13/Lots 4 and 5 (as so amended, the "Amended Project Plan"), which findings are required by Sections 45-32-13 through 45-32-18, Section 45-32-20 and Section 45-33.2-4(1) and (5) of the Rhode Island General Laws:

1. The Redevelopment Plan and the Amended Project Plan are feasible and conform to the comprehensive plan for the City of East Providence, and if carried out would promote the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the community, and would effectuate the purposes of the Redevelopment Act.
2. The source of funds for carrying out the TIF Projects as provided in the Redevelopment Plan and the Amended Project Plan shall be proceeds from the sale of TIF Bonds issued by the City of East Providence and any other legally available revenues contemplated by the Redevelopment Plan and Project Plan.
3. The Redevelopment Plan and the Amended Project Plan does not directly result in changes to streets except generally as shown on the attached site plan.
4. The Redevelopment Plan and Amended Project Plan do not presently provide for acquisition by the City of property by negotiation or by eminent domain.
5. The Redevelopment Plan and the Amended Project Plan does not contemplate financial aid from the federal government.

6. The Redevelopment Plan provided for the retention of controls and the establishment of any restrictions or covenants which may run with the real property sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of for private or public use as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Redevelopment Act.

7. The findings of fact regarding "blighted and substandard conditions" set forth in the Redevelopment Plan and the Amended Project Plan are hereby accepted. Based on those findings of fact, the Redevelopment Area is hereby found to be a "blighted and substandard area" as that term is defined in Section 45-31-8 of the Redevelopment Act and requires clearance, replanning, redevelopment, rehabilitation and improvement.

8. That the East Point Project Area would not by private enterprise alone, and without either governmental subsidy or the exercise of governmental powers, be developed or revitalized in a manner so as to prevent, arrest, or alleviate the spread of blight or decay.

9. That the Amended Project Plan will afford maximum opportunity to privately financed development or revitalization consistent with the sound needs of the City as a whole.

10. The facilities and other assistance are needed and that the financing of the project in accordance with the Amended Project Plan is in the public interest.

11. There is not within the City an adequate supply of low rent housing for persons or families of low income available for rents they can afford to pay, the rents which those persons or families can afford to pay would not warrant private enterprise providing housing for them, and the financing of public improvements in accordance with the Amended Project Plan is in the public interest.

12. The City Council intends that the East Point Project Area be redeveloped in accordance with the City's Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan and intends that such redevelopment promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

13. The City Council intends that plans for the East Point Project (a) be generally consistent with the scope and intent of the conceptual development presented in Amendment No. 6 and (b) shall address the provision of affordable housing or the payment of fees in lieu of affordable housing.

14. Unemployment or the threat of unemployment exists in the City, and it is expected that the Amended Project Plan will create approximately 9 permanent and 859 temporary full-time equivalents jobs. It is expected that wages and benefits from such jobs will be comparable to current market rates resulting in increased personal income tax for the State of Rhode Island.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of East Providence ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and the Director of Finance (the "Authorized Officers") are authorized to approve a developer designated by RICWG for the East Point Site Project. Such approval shall be reported by the Authorized Officers to the City Council in connection with amendments to the Project Plan approving the development and prior to the execution by the Authorized Officers of the Development Agreement described in Section 9 below. Any amendments to the Project Plan shall be approved by the Waterfront Commission prior to the issuance of any bonds.

SECTION 2. The Phillipsdale Special Development Sub-district is designated as a project area for the purposes of the Tax Increment Financing Act. The Redevelopment Plan is the official redevelopment plan for the East Point Project Area. The Amended Project Plan, incorporated herein by reference, is adopted and approved as a project plan pursuant to chapter 33.2 of title 45 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The public improvements shall be in the East Point Project Area, and shall be identified as "East Point Site Project Number 2022-1."

SECTION 3. There is hereby authorized, subject to Section 9 hereof, the issuance of special obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed \$22,250,000 to finance the TIF Projects contained in the Amended Project Plan relating to the East Point Site Project (the "Bonds").

SECTION 4. The Bonds shall be issued for the purpose of carrying out any project or projects described in the Amended Project Plan including the TIF Projects. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Bonds shall be issued for TIF Project costs, which may include interest prior to and during the carrying out of any such project and for a reasonable time thereafter, such costs, reimbursements and reserves as may be required by any agreement or arrangement securing the Bonds, and all other expenses with respect thereto, including, without limitation, reimbursement of expenses previously paid from any other source, incidental to planning, carrying out and financing any such project.

SECTION 5. The Bonds shall be payable solely from "project revenues" including tax increment as defined in the Tax Increment Financing Act and shall not be deemed to be a pledge of the faith and credit or the taxing power of the City.

SECTION 6. The City hereby pledges not more than 70% of the tax increment resulting from the East Point Project Area to the repayment of the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, at the time of sale of the Bonds, the debt service on the Bonds shall not exceed 60% of the estimated tax increment supporting the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Each of the Bonds shall recite on its face that it is a special obligation bond or bond anticipation note, as the case may be, payable solely from "project revenues" as defined in the Tax Increment Financing Act pledged for its repayment.

SECTION 8. The Bonds shall be dated and may be made redeemable before maturity with or without premium. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series. The Authorized Officers defined below shall determine the terms, details and manner of sale and other conditions of the Bonds and the security structure therefor for each issue of Bonds in accordance with the Tax

Increment Financing Act and the Amended Project Plan, including the manner in which tax increment received and to be received under the Tax Increment Financing Act and the Amended Project Plan and other "project revenues" under the Act shall be escrowed, pledged or otherwise used to secure any such Bonds issued, and shall also determine the date or dates of the Bonds, their denomination or denominations, the place or places of payment of the principal and interest thereon, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the state, their interest rate or rates, maturity or maturities, redemption privileges, if any, and the form and other details of the Bonds.

SECTION 9. The Authorized Officers, in consultation with the City Solicitor, are authorized to negotiate and determine the terms and provisions of such documents required for the sale and issuance of the Bonds and the documents required to complete the TIF Projects described in the Amended Project Plan, including a Development Agreement and other necessary documents and certificates, and such Authorized Officers, acting jointly, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such documents. This Ordinance does not grant property rights or other rights. All rights and obligations of the City, RICWG and any designated developer shall be set forth in the Development Agreement.

SECTION 10. The Authorized Officers are authorized to prepare and deliver an Official Statement or Limited Offering Memorandum, if required, in connection with the sale of the Bonds, and the Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the Official Statement or Limited Offering Memorandum, a Trust Indenture, one or more Series Indentures and a Bond Purchase Agreement consistent with the terms and conditions determined by the Authorized Officers in accordance with Section 8.

SECTION 11. The Bonds shall be signed by the Director of Finance, shall be countersigned by the Mayor, either manually or by facsimile, and shall bear the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof.

SECTION 12. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any Bonds shall cease to be an officer before the delivery thereof, such signature or facsimile thereof shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until the delivery.

SECTION 13. The City may sell the Bonds in such manner, either at limited public or private sale, and for such price, as the Authorized Officers may determine will best effect the purposes of this ordinance and the Tax Increment Financing Act.

SECTION 14. Notwithstanding any provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, Bonds issued under the Tax Increment Financing Act and hereunder may provide for annual or more frequent installments of principal in equal, diminishing, or increasing amounts, with the first installment of principal to be due at any time within five (5) years from the date of the issuance of the bonds and the last installment of principal to be due not later than twenty-five (25) years from the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 15. The Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the Bonds, in such form as shall be deemed advisable by the Authorized Officers. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance or the bonds or bond anticipation notes, failure of the City to comply with any Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default under such bonds or bond anticipation notes; however, any bondholder or noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Section and under each Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 16. From and after the issuance of the Bonds, the Authorized Officers, acting jointly, are authorized to execute and deliver other documents, certificates, agreements and amendments thereto, in furtherance of the development of the TIF Projects in such forms as said officers deem advisable, consistent with the best interests of the City, the execution and delivery thereof by such Authorized Officers to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

SECTION 17. This Ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State and constitutes the City's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2, to reimburse the City, the designated developer and/or RICWG for expenditures paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds. Amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$22,250,000 and shall be reimbursed in accordance with provisions of the Code.

SECTION 18. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 P.M. for a hearing and consideration of final passage and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

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