

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.  
145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**Notice:** The meeting will also be viewable live at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

City Council:

Council President, Bob Rodericks – At Large  
Council Vice-President: Frank Rego – Ward 1  
Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2  
Councilman Frank Fogarty - Ward 3  
Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello  
City Clerk, Jill Seppa

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Fogarty \_\_\_\_\_ Lawson \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks \_\_\_\_\_

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION-none**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. A Proclamation recognizing the East Providence Student Body, known as the HERD, on the occasion of their overwhelming victory in the recent Providence Journal readers poll.- *Council President Rodericks*
2. Honoring Joe Barroso (RIDE Career and Tech Teacher of the Year- *Councilwoman Sousa*
3. EPPC for being awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award – *Councilwoman Sousa*
4. Discussion and overview of comprehensive changes to the East Providence Zoning code as required by changes in State Law and other relevant updates

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. October 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes
2. October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes
3. October 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes
4. October 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes
5. October 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. TAX ABATEMENTS**

Year	Amount
2011	1141.94
2021	223.47
2022	118.60
2023	16095.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17579.57</b>

**VIII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Block Party**

Applicant: Rick Lawson (Riverside Tree Lighting)

Location: 3730 Pawtucket Ave.

Time and Date: December 8, 2023 4pm-9-pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**2. One Day Entertainment**

Applicant: Frank Rego (Freedom Green Tree Lighting)

Location: Centre Road Freedom Green

Time and Date: December 8, 2023 5:00pm-7:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Annual Alcoholic Beverage Renewals

Please refer to attachment "A" for business listings

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS –**

*Any person who submits a communication to the Council and wishes to speak on it must indicate this in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. A person who lists more than one topic on their communication will be allowed to speak on the first one listed.*

1. Nancy Hale – plastic and trash reduction

**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**

1. Review and consideration for changes to the 2023 road, sidewalk improvement list. – *discussion only- Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*
2. Patrol unit enforcement of no parking and parking that obstruct views for reasons of public safety – *discussion only- Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*
3. Ch. 805 Municipal Court reserve fund for discussion – *discussion only- Council Vice President Rego*
4. Request for RFP for adaptive playground equipment – *discussion only – Council Vice President Rego*
5. Receive Correspondence and update on Narragansett Park Plaza project and Carpiionato Group on Newport Avenue- *discussion only- Council Vice President Rego*

6. Discussion on use of social media for the City Council pages – *Discussion only - Councilman Lawson*
7. Discussion of Community Center – *Discussion only – Council President Roderick*

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

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS** - Mayor Communications: Dir. of Administration  
Napoleon Gonsalves

1. Appointment /Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation  
  
Stephany R. Lopes, East Providence Planning Board. This is a 5-year term (1/16/23-1/15/28).
2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation  
  
Jacqueline Hicks, East Providence Housing Authority, Appointment number 6. This is 3-year term (10/18/23-10/17/26).
3. Retirement of Chief Glenn Quick as of Nov. 17, 2023. Appointment of Michael Carey as Acting East Providence Fire Chief effective Nov. 18, 2023.
4. Request for support of Resolution supporting RIDEM grant application to support a splash pad in Riverside.
5. Family Court Awareness Month and Diwali (Festival of Lights) Proclamations

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. Report of the City Solicitor
  - a. 2023 Tax Amnesty Program Report – Tax Assessor

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON**

**D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote**

1. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence repealing ordinance Chapter 897 and reallocating and reappropriating up to \$447,870 for the Potter Street and Burgess Street parking lots

*Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence repealing ordinance chapter 900 and reallocating and reappropriating up to \$5,000,000 toward a community recreation center.

*Sponsor; Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**E. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote**

1. Resolution Calling for an Archaeological Survey on the Metacomet Site at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

*Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Rescinding a 1956 Resolution of the City Council Setting Aside Land for School Purposes.

*Sponsor; Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay

Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Recreation Development Grant Program.

*Sponsor; Councilman Lawson; Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the conveyance of properties in the State Street neighborhood as part of the emergency watershed protection plan.

*Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Potter Street and Burgess Street parking lots.

*Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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