

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjckR47VMil1LA>

City Council:

Council President, 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

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

A. New Claims

1. Linda & Joel Eissenberg

2. John & Nancy Mulligan

3. Lexine Stearns

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty _____ Lawson _____ Rego _____ Sousa _____ Rodericks _____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - none

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS

1. November 9, 2023 – regular meeting minutes
2. November 14, 2023- regular meeting minutes

B. TAX ABATEMENTS

Year	Amount
2023	23,064.48
TOTAL	23,064.48

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Sundays & Holidays
Applicant: Monique Oliveira
Business: Union Square Bistro
Address: 332 Bullocks Point Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. PUBLIC HEARING -none

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. APPOINTMENTS –

1. Appointment of William McMahon to the City Council Veteran Advisory Committee- *Sponsor; Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Council vote on requesting a resolution for funding and implementing a full time fourth rescue – *discuss and vote – Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Discussion with administration on next steps for the following ARPA funded projects- *discuss- Councilman Lawson, Council President Rodericks*
 - a. Clam Shack at Crescent Park

- b. Oldham School - business incubator
 - c. Riverside Splash Pad
 - d. Infrastructure needs
 - e. Placemaking initiatives
3. Discussion with administration on status of Kent Heights playground project to include funding, final design, and where the project currently stands- *discuss- Councilman Lawson, Council President Rodericks*
 4. Discussion of process for engineering study for a plan for East Providence infrastructure needs- *discuss-Council Vice President Rego*
 5. Creating a building committee for the proposed Community Recreation Center, membership and charge of committee- *discuss and vote- Councilman Lawson & Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Discussion on hiring independent legal service for support with proposed zoning changes and audit – *discuss and vote – Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

1. An ordinance of the Council of East Providence repealing ordinance Chapter 900 and reallocating and reappropriating up to \$3,000,000 toward a community recreation center.

Sponsors: Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego, Councilwoman Sousa, Councilman Lawson, Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

Summary: Section 18-307, No Parking, Warren Avenue (north side) from Purchase Street East 60 feet

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. 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		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS –

1. Discussion and overview of required changes to the East Providence Zoning code as required by recent amendments to state law.
 - a. Receive report from planning of delineation of changes required by law
 - b. Discuss comprehensive changes
 - c. Receive update and recommendations from Planning Board as a result of their December 4, 2023 meeting as required by law.
2. Report of totals of what each city department had remaining in their account end of year FY23 and was turned over to the general fund – *receive report- Vice President Rego and Councilman Lawson*
3. Council requests updated report from October 3, 2023 “Detailed ARPA allocation, spending, and existing purchase orders from inception to date broken down by program and line item” to include dates of ARPA expenditures– *receive report and discussion - Council Vice President Rego*
4. Rumford Motor Inn 400 Newport Avenue, update on show cause hearing- *discuss- Council Vice President Rego, Council President Rodericks*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS - Mayor Communications

1. Appointment requiring Council Approval: Jonathan Jacobs; Zoning Board of Review

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Claims Committee

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 amending ordinance Chapter 894 appropriating up to \$50,000 for a citywide utility art box project

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Salt Applicators, Ice Master with Gas Pump and Application Tank to be Added to the Department of Public Works Highway Division Trucks – *Sponsor- Council President*

Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Change Order for Additional Material Required for the Pole Lights at the Riverside Middle School – *Sponsor: Council President Rodericks, Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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4. Resolution Allocating Funds to Replace the Fence on City Property Abutting Glenlyon Field – *Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution Requesting that the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) Require an Archaeological Survey of the Metacomet Site at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway as Part of Their Review and Approval Process
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Proposed East Providence Community Center –
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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