

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Notice:** The meeting will also be viewable live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

City Council:

Council President, 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)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

A. Omsairam LLC d/b/a Rumford Motor Inn vs. City of East Providence

C.A. No. PC-2024-00413

Status Update

B. Richard Kirby vs. City of East Providence  
C.A. No. PC-2019-6124  
Status Update

C. New Claims

1. Stacy Baker
2. Cynthia Benway
3. Natasha Lobo
4. Marie Lombardi
5. Jaxon Monteiro
6. Kayla Rappaport
7. Leeza Sultan

D. Sewer Charge Abatement

1. Scott Lewis

**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		

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

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2. January 23, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
3. February 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
4. February 6, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
5. February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
6. February 20, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

**B. LETTERS:**

1. Notice of New Property Number, 48 Bristol Avenue (02915), Map 513 Block 20 Parcel 003.10

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

**A. Motion to bundle licenses**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. Motion to approve licenses**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Special Event- Class 1**

**Applicant name: Terry Carvalho**

**Event: Annual Holy Ghost Dinner**

**Location: Sacred Heart Church 118 Taunton Ave (02914)**

**Date and Time: March 9, 2024 6:00pm-11:00pm**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**2. Road Race**

**Applicant: Amanda Marsocci**

**Organization: Brown Play School**

**Date and Time: April 28, 2024 9am-Noon**

**Location: 4 Newman Ave (02916)**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**3. Sundays & Holidays – Self Storage**

**Applicant: Gwyn Goodson McNeal**

**Business: Life Storage**

**Business Location: 800 Narragansett Park Dr.**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**4. Hawkers-60 Day**

**Applicant: Alex Mutzabaugh**

**Business: Keystone Novelties Distributors**

**Business Location: 40 Highland Avenue**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**5. Sundays & Holidays**

**Applicant: Alex Mutzabaugh**

**Business: Keystone Novelties Distributors**

**Business Location: 40 Highland Avenue**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**6. Special Event – Class F1**

**Applicant name: Rita Vargas**

**Event: St Francis Xavier Church Fundraiser**

**Location: 160 Orchard Street**

**Date and Time: March 9, 2024 6:00pm – 11:30pm**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**7. Road Race**

**Applicant: John Benros**

**Race: Caboverdians 5K**

**Date and Time: July 7, 2024 8am – 2:00pm**

**Location: Pierce Memorial Stadium 171 Fifth St (02914)**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**D. PUBLIC HEARING - none**

**VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. February - National Childrens Health Month – Councilwoman Sousa
2. Excellence of Service – Elmer Pina – Council Vice President Rego

**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**

1. Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees; Krystal Alves Amoroso – *Sponsor Councilman Fogarty*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		

Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Appointment to the Small Business Advisory Committee; Kim Nunes – *Sponsor Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Appointment to the Small Business Advisory Committee; David Duarte – *Sponsor Councilman Fogarty*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Update requested on work on Glenlyon field; screening, fence, sidewalks, walking path and walking path lighting. – *Receive report – Sponsor President Rodericks & Council Vice President*
2. Receive update on Sabin Point boat ramp closure – *Receive report- Sponsor Councilman Lawson*
3. Report on Kent Fields community presentation on February 28, 2024 – *Discuss only - Councilman Fogarty*
4. Receive report on Storefront Improvement Program – *Receive report – Councilwoman Sousa*

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

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Update from December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, on progress of implementing Fourth Rescue for Station 3 – *Receive report – Sponsor Vice President Rego*
2. Updates from February 20, 2024 meeting
  - a. Status of DEM permit for Kent Heights and potential impact to timeline – *Councilman Lawson*
  - b. Calculation of sewer charges based on an implementation flat fee rate from Water Utilities Superintendent James Marvel- *Councilman Lawson*

- c. Update on the inquiry regarding pedestrian crossing signaling devices in disrepair at Broadway and the Fire Station location and Warren Ave. and Seventh St. location – *Councilwoman Sousa*
- d. Receive update on former Oldham building doors, roof and window replacement- *Councilman Lawson*
- e. Receive update from architect on the Crescent Park Concession Stand – *Councilman Lawson*
- f. Pierce Field federal grant application status follow up from meeting with Senator Reed- *Vice President Rego*
- g. Review requested financials received February 20, 2024- *Councilwoman Sousa*
  - 1. Status of capital improvement expenditure balance, open bids, in process status and completed expenditures.
  - 2. Total unencumbered capital funds balance.
  - 3. APRA- Project expenditures and balances
- 3. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
- 4. Licensing Discussion: receive report from City Solicitor regarding local and state legislation and fees – *City Council*

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Dir. of Proj. Mgt. and Communications Patricia Resende

**1. Appointment /Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation**

Raymond Pouliot, appointment to personnel hearing board vacant position term to expire 12/6/27, appointment #2.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation**

NONE

**3. Items for announcement/discussion**

- Update on ARPA Projects
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation
- Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation
- Greek Independence Month Proclamation
- International Women’s Day, Women’s History Month Proclamation
- East Providence Remarkable Women Nominations

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

- 1. Claims Committee Report
- 2. Solicitors Report
  - A. Request for public input regarding potential nuisance at 400 Newport Avenue (Rumford Motor Inn) for Attorney General investigation pursuant to RIGL 10-1-

1 et seq. and RIGL 11-30-1 et seq. Correspondence may be sent by any private citizen to the City Clerk at [jseppa@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:jseppa@eastprovidenceri.gov)

3. DPW Director, Daniel Borges

i. Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 28 Cornell Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

ii. Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 169 S. Rose St.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON**

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

**1. Resolution establishing the East Providence City Council Advisory Recreation Board**

*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**2. Resolution in support of fully funding state aid to libraries to the full twenty-five (25%) percent level**

*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**3. Resolution requesting the mayor to work with state leaders to compensate local businesses impacted by the closure of the Washington Bridge**

*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**4. Resolution in support of H-7759 related to “snap shot” reporting repairs/reconstruction of the Washington Bridge**

*Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-none**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 401.435.7590 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.