

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjckR47VMil1LA>

City Council:

Council President, Robert Britto - Ward 1

Council Vice-President: Bob Rodericks - At Large

Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2

Councilman Nate Cahoon - Ward 3

Councilman Ricardo Mourato - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello

Deputy City Clerk, Leah Stoddard

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Cahoon _____ Mourato _____ Rodericks _____ Sousa _____ Britto _____

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
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

A. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Cheryl Curti vs. City of East Providence, R.I. Commission for Human Rights, RICHR No. 21 ESE 071-05/03 Discussion, update and possible vote to authorize compromise

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 - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Joint City Council and School Committee meeting minutes May 2, 2022
2. Executive session minutes May 3, 2022
3. Regular meeting minutes May 3, 2022

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. One Day Entertainment License - New

Applicant: Chrissy Rossi

Location: 809 Broadway

Date & Time of Function: June 11, 2022, 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Type of Entertainment: DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Block Party

Applicant: James DeFayette

Applicant Location: Corner of Harlem Street and Hood Avenue; Harlem Street and Miller Street

Date & Time of Function: July 3, 2022, 11AM – 10PM

Street to be closed: No street closure

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Road Race

Applicant: William Tregaskis

Location: 201 Mercer Street, Pierce Field

Date & Time of Event: June 25, 2022, 8:00AM

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation

1. Casey Brown – National Nurse Day

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.

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. Townie Pride Park – Begin to beautify and build a tranquil environment for all genders – Discussion – Councilwoman Sousa

2. Request that the Administration seek a traffic study by RIDOT on Warren Avenue headed toward County Street for a designated left turn only lane as you approach the traffic light in front of Honey Dew Donuts and Lucky’s Bar – Discussion – Councilwoman Sousa

3. Hunts Mill Bridge closure. Request for DPW to engage in conversation w/DOT for pedestrian walkway while bridge is closed – Information only – Council President Britto

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

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 9 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Miscellaneous Offenses” (amending section 9-15 entitled “Purchase, sale or delivery of tobacco products to persons under 18 prohibited; notice of lase to be posted”

Summary: Summary: Change the age to purchase tobacco products in the form of cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes or other forms of electronic nicotine delivery devices to 21 years of age and setting penalties in violation thereof

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council Confirmation

- a. Michelle Saucier Rockwell to the Planning Board, Ward 1 Seat, term 01/16/2022-01/15/2027

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

- a. Claims Committee Report

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution recognizing Michael Pereira for having reached the rank of Eagle Scout

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Resolution recognizing Matthew Lloyd for having reached the rank of Eagle Scout

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Resolution recognizing Andrew Langille for having reached the rank of Eagle Scout

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a John Deere backhoe for the Department of Public Works Highway Division

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the construction of a parking lot at the Riverside Middle School

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. Resolution Pursuant to R.I.G.L §17-19-7 for local ballot question on November 8, 2022 related to eminent domain of property within the City of East Providence – Metacomet

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa & Councilman Mourato

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. Resolution memorializing the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing the City of East Providence, with the approval of the qualified electors, to issue not to exceed \$148,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the City, subject to approval of state housing aid at a reimbursement rate or state share ratio of not less than 48.5% for expenditures eligible for state aid and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by any grant received from the school building authority capital fund

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Licenses and Business Regulations"

Summary: Tracking, acquisition, enforcement and penalties for persons licensed for metal transactions

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Zoning"

Summary: Main Street and Neighborhood Center overlay districts

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon and Councilman Mourato

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 14 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Streets and Sidewalks"

Summary: To establish minimum standards for the use of native plants on city property and to promote plant species diversity

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

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