

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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

Assistant City Solicitor, Meagan Bellamy
City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Teacher of the Year Acknowledgment *Kortney Braga, Crystal White, Kelly Groff, Megan Black, Jill Akerman, Tracy Andrews, Kathie Rietheimer, Kaitlyn Barron-Shashok, Lauren Kiendra, Kylie Osterhout, Paula Sarasin* – the City Council

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Review discussion and potential vote for ratification of a new United Steelworkers Local 15509 collective bargaining agreement with an effective date of 11/1/23 to 10/31/26

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty _____ Lawson _____ Rego _____ Sousa _____ Rodericks _____

VI. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. Council Meeting Minutes

1. April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. April 16, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
4. April 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. READ-IN

1. Special Event- One Day

Applicant: Manuel Sousa of HGBB

Event: Annual Feast

Address: 51 N Phillip St (02914)

Date and Time: May 17, 2024, May 18, 2024, May 19, 2024 6:00pm- 11:30pm

C. LETTERS

1. Notice of New Property Number, 35-37 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411 Block 17 Parcel 001.10
2. Notice of New Property Number, 74-76 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411 Block 17 Parcel 005.40
3. Notice of New Property Number, 31-33 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411 Block 17 Parcel 001.00

4. Notice of New Property Number, 8 Sidney Street (02914), Map 411 Block 17 Parcel 009.10

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VIII. 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. One Day Entertainment

Applicant: A.C. Peri on behalf of Sacred Heart Church

Event: Annual Feast

Address: 118 Taunton Ave

Date and Time: May 31, 2024, June 1, 2024, June 2, 2024 6:00pm-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Michael Fahim DBA/ Pit Stop
 Business: Pola & Antony Inc.
 Business Address: 136 Barnes St (02723)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Tiffany Manzi
 Business: Twisted T's
 Business Address: 54 Lyman Ave (02919)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Block Party

Applicant: Maureen Maloney
 Business: The Sacred Cow
 Streets to be Closed: Cross Street between Summitt & N Brow (02914)
 Date and Time: May 26, 2024 3:00-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Rita Vargas
 Event: St Francis Xavier Annual Feast
 Date and Time: June 14, 2024, June 15, 2024, June 16 2024, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Special Event – Class F

Applicant: Rita Vargas

Event: St. Francis Xavier Annual Feast

Date and Time: June 14, 2024, June 15, 2024, June 16 2024, 7:00pm-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Robert Baptista III

Business: A Positive Atmosphere

Business Address: 52 Burgess Ave (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Sundays and Holidays

Applicant: Jim Bojko for Avalara Inc

Business: Snipes

Business Location: 1925 Pawtucket Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Block Party

Applicant: Nina Guidaboni on behalf of Igus

Date and Time: June 8, 2024 2-7pm

Location: 257 Ferris Avenue (02916)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

10. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Michael Leverone

Business: Birds Nest

Business Address: 67 Main St (01505)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

11. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Joshua Burgoyne

Business: Mings Asian Street Food

Business Address: 8 Friendly Drive (02888)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

12. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: David Turner

Business: Turner Bros.

Business Address: 235 Tiffany St (02703)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

13. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Wanderson Goncalves DBA/ Goncalves Food Truck

Business: WBM Factory

Business Address: 124 Tremont St (02780)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING-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 -

1. Joseph Medeiros, appointment to Recreation Board - *sponsor - Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Michael Vierra, appointment to Recreation Board - *sponsor – Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
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Lawson		
Rego		
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Rodericks		

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Review discussion and potential vote for ratification of a new United Steelworkers Local 15509 collective bargaining agreement with an effective date of 11/1/23 to 10/31/26

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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2. Discussion and possible vote and allocating unspent ARPA funding towards the former Oldham school- discuss and vote- Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Discussion on best path forward for a new Recreation Center new construction vs rehabbing former Oldham – discuss – Councilman Lawson
4. Request for update on Sabin Point Kayak launch project – discuss – Councilman Lawson
5. Request for update on lights for Riverside Middle School Recreation Field Project- discuss- Councilman Lawson
6. Request for latest update from architect on Clam Shack project at Crescent Park – Councilman Lawson
7. Request for update on Beach Raking project at Crescent Park – Councilman Lawson
8. Request for update on Willett Pond upgrade project – discuss – Councilman Lawson
9. Update from Veterans Advisory Committee – discuss – Councilman Lawson
10. Update on Wampanoag trail Abandoned property Nursing Home/rehab center 100 Wampanoag Trail Map 408, Block 10, Parcel 024-00 – discuss – Councilman Fogarty
11. Discussion of accountability to Contact RI Energy identifying and removing rotted utility poles. Possible temporary position to identify and compile list(s) of all of our crippling utility poles around the city with follow up on removal dates – discussion - Councilman Fogarty
12. Inquiry regarding timeline for South Broadway underground utilities and repaving estimates – discuss – Councilman Fogarty
13. Discussion regarding the bridge demolition impact on timeline on state roads scheduled to start paving in 2026 – discuss – Councilman Fogarty
14. Request for sidewalks on Pawtucket Ave done in concrete as previously discussed in coordination with our State Paving, Ensuring All handicap entrances and exits are quality for our wheelchairs, bicycles, walkers, and our signage is visible and appealing -discuss – Councilman Fogarty
15. Request for a monthly update from Architect/Contractor on the Kent Field Project – discuss - Councilman Fogarty
16. Discuss impact of potential sale of Citizens Bank property on Tripps Lane on the City of East Providence – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
17. Request of inspection Silver Spring Golf Course to ensure maintenance on Pawtucket Ave sidewalk/street – discuss – Councilman Fogarty
18. Restaurant Week marketing options – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
19. Paving update timeline and no parking status for Martin Street – discuss – Councilman Fogarty
20. Paving timeline update- Cornell Street- announcement – Council Vice President Rego
21. Recommendation to the Planning Board for waiving outdoor dining fee – discussion only – Council President Rodericks & Vice President Rego

22. Charter Commission update and timeline – discuss only – Council Vice President Rego

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for first and final passage and second passage - For discussion and possible vote-none

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Staff; Patricia Resende.

- 1. **Retification of United Steelworkers of America, Local 15509 2023-2026 Contract**
- 2. **Press event on May 24th – Crescent Park Press Announcement** - RIDOH has received an EPA grant to work with the City of East Providence to re-designate Crescent Park Beach as a licensed swimmable beach. The project will entail the construction of ADA-compliant public restrooms at Crescent Park and the hiring of lifeguards at the beach to enable formal designation as a swimmable beach.
- 3. **June Proclamations** Juneteenth, Day of Portugal, PRIDE Month, Gun Violence Awareness Day, Immigrant Heritage Month

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1. Solicitors Report
 - A. Richard E. Kirby vs. City of East Providence et. al.
 - C.A. No. PC-2019-6124- Report of Final Settlement Terms and Mutual Release

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-Councilman Lawson

- 1. Announcement of upcoming events
- 2. School budget

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. Resolution Requesting To Name The Baseball Field At Glenlyon Field "The Bob Long Baseball Diamond"

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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2. Resolution In Support Of 2024—H7658 And 2024—S2968 Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles—Size, Weight And Load Limits—Weight Restrictions On Route 114A East Providence

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 107 Adopted April 2, 2024 to Reflect a Change in the Vendor for the Purchase of a Roll Off Truck for the Department of Public Works Highway Division.

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks & Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract With Ti-Sales for the Furnishing and Delivery of Water Meters

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Hydro Utilities LLC for the Water Meter Installation Project

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with O'Brien & Sons for the Installation of a Splash Pad at Providence Avenue Park
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Resolution In Support Of An Ordinance Appropriating Funds For The Full-Time Operation Of A Fourth Rescue
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-

1. No parking in select locations on Commercial Way
 Summary: Sec 18-307
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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