

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, MAY 3, 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:
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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 X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- *Salute to the flag led by Council President Britto*
- *Motion made by Council Vice President to move item XII, 2. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. City of East Providence remarkable women acknowledgment of Christine Alves, Peggy Marcotte, Millie Morris, Kim Nunes, Pat Henry – Council President Britto

- *Council President Britto reads and presents proclamation honoring Mildred Morris, Margaret Marcotte, Christine Alves, Patricia Henry and Kimberly Nunes.*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- *Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

A. Claim for reconsideration

1. Donna Popolillo

B. Sewer Abatements

1. Christeen Hum Estrada

C. 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

D. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation Samantha Burnett vs. City of East Providence R.I. Commission for Human Rights, RICHR No. 22 ERA 019-03/03
Discussion and review of amended charge

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to seal executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS

1. Executive session minutes April 19, 2022
2. Regular meeting minutes April 19, 2022

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to bundle 7A1-7A5. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

- Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve 7A1-7A5. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

1. One Day Entertainment License - New

Applicant: Jose Sanchez

Location: 335 Newport Ave. 02916, El Azteca Mexican Restaurant

Date & Time of Function: May 5, 2022, 4:00pm – 11:00pm

Type of Entertainment: DJ Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. One Day Entertainment License - New

Applicant: Laura Winig

Location: 2 Riverside Drive 02915

Date & Time of Function: June 4, 2022, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Ice Cream Social with face painting, photo booth and music

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Katelyn Nolan

Business Name: Vintage Feather Finds LLC

Business Address: 693 N Broadway

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Ramon Montalvo
Business Name: Poppin Minis RI
Business Address: Cranston, RI

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Application for license to solicit – New

Applicant: Marcus Ferro
Business Name: Trinity Solar
Business Address: 26 Pattersonbrook Road, West Wareham Mass 02576
Hours: 9:00pm-5:00pm Monday – Friday

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS – 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 - None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. RIDOT-Hunts Mill Bridge closure – Council President Britto – Discussion Only

- *Council President Britto informs the public about the bridge closure to take place from 8/19/2022 through 11/30/2022.*

2. City of East Providence remarkable women acknowledgment of Christine Alves, Peggy Marcotte, Millie Morris, Kim Nunes, Pat Henry – Council President Britto

- *Moved to beginning of meeting*

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

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Animals”

Summary: To allow the keeping and housing of chickens in a residential neighborhood by permit

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon and Councilwoman Sousa

- *The following individuals approached to speak for public hearing:*

*Lorna Steele
Patrick Fahey
Adam Hall
Paul Galligan
Beth Galligan
Joanne Pezzullo
Ruorri Miller
Kathy Holahan
Unnamed Resident
Unnamed Resident
Marcus Ferro*

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to table. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council Confirmation

a. Christopher Grant to the Planning Board, At-Large Seat, term 01/16/2021-01/15/2026

- Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation

b. Thomas Warzeka to the East Providence Historic Commission, Seat 1, term 05/03/2022-05/02/2025

- Director of Administration Gonsalves reads appointment details

3. Items for Discussion

a. Report on March’s Finance and Capital Expenses – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

- Council President Britto reports that Finance Director Malcolm Moore was not in attendance

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 authorizing the Mayor to execute a police mutual aid agreement between the City of East Providence, Rhode Island and the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts

Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Convey property located on Burnside Avenue and Hoppin Avenue
Summary: 8 residential lots located on Burnside Avenue and Hoppin Avenue to the highest responsible bidder, parcels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- ***Planning Director William Fazioli explains there was a tie on the bid for lot #4 and it will be broken to determine the highest responsible bidder.***
- ***Motion to approve made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of ten police vehicles for the police department
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- ***Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.***

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a change order for additional work related to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board emergency interconnection project
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

5. Resolution in support of passage of H7725 related to the regulation and use of sale of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems at the local level
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

- Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - 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

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.*

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon	X	
Mourato	X	
Rodericks	X	
Sousa	X	
Britto	X	

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

Approved by Council: May 17, 2022

Attest: *Leah Stoddard Deputy City Clerk*
 City Clerk