

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
 CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.
 145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
 EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

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 X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa X Britto X

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- *Salute to the flag led by Council President Britto*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None

Cahoon _____ Mourato _____ Rodericks _____ Sousa _____ Britto _____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES – None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- 1. Executive session minutes June 7, 2022
- 2. Regular meeting minutes June 7, 2022

B. LETTERS

- 1. Notice of New Property Number, Tina Kane, 123 Progress Avenue (02915), Map 209, Block 2, Parcel 001.00
- 2. Notice of New Property Number, WRC Investments LLC, 120 Bayview Avenue (02915), Map 209, Block 2, Parcel 002.00
- 3. Notice of New Property Number, WRC Investments LLC, 124 Bayview Avenue (02915), Map 209, Block 2, Parcel 002.10

C. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMITS/LICENSES (READ IN)

- 1. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Jennifer Tierney
 Location: 73 Birghtridge Ave. 02914
 Date & Time of Function: June 18, 2022 – June 19, 2022, 1:00pm- 12:00am
 Type of Entertainment: Stereo speakers

- Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. 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. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C7

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

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

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C7

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Gregory Dias

Location: 57 Tryon Avenue, 02916

Date & Time of Function: July 16, 2022, 2pm – 10pm

Type of Entertainment: DJ

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

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

2. Block Party

Applicant: Gregory Dias

Applicant Location: Gibbs Street, Merchant Street, Estelle Street

Date & Time of Function: July 16, 2022, 2pm – 10pm

Street to be closed: Gibbs Street/Tryon Avenue/Merchant Street and Estelle Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Block Party

Applicant: Narragansett Terrace Realty Association

Applicant Location: 0 Riverside Drive 02915

Date & Time of Function: September 10, 2022, 4pm – 8pm

Street to be closed: Riverside Drive from Ocean Avenue to Sea View Avenue; Sea View Avenue to Bullocks Point Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Block Party

Applicant: Brianna Venagro

Applicant Location: 31 Argyle Avenue

Date & Time of Function: July 23, 2022, 12pm – 11pm

Street to be closed: Argyle Avenue and Daisy Drive to President Avenue and Daisy Drive

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Lisa Jurgilewicz

Business Name: Worldpac Inc dba Autopart International #9089

Business Address: 115 Amaral Street, 02915

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Brenda Britt

Business Name: Supa Dupa Food Truck

Business Address: Woonsocket, RI

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit
 Applicant: Joseph Valentine III
 Business Name: Joey V’s Steak and Cheese LLC
 Business Address: East Providence, RI 02915

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

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. Support of House Bill H6614; makes it a felony for an individual to possess any semi-automatic firearm magazine which is capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Violation is punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$5,000– Councilman Cahoon – Discussion

- ***Councilman Cahoon spoke in support of house bill H6614***

2. Possible referendum question 2022 November election, “Shall new cannabis-related licenses for business involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing, and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the city (or town)?” – Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion

- *Councilwoman Sousa requests this item be moved to the July 19, 2022 Council meeting*
 - 3. Seeking crosswalk for safe pedestrian and cyclist’s connection from First Street across Veterans Parkway to access the East Bay Bike Path – Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion
- *Councilwoman Sousa requests this item be moved to the July 19, 2022 Council meeting to continue the conversation. Councilman Cahoon and Council Vice President Rodericks affirm this items discussion. Councilman Mourato requests an update on the Willett Pond crosswalk previously approved by the State.*

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - For discussion and possible vote – None

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Appointment not requiring Council confirmation
 - a. Eric O. Underhill to the East Providence Historic Commission, term 06/02/2022 to 06/01/2025
- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads appointment*
- 2. Items for discussion
 - a. May finance/capital expenses – Finance Director Malcolm Moore
 - *Finance Director Malcolm Moore was unavailable and there were no questions from the Council.*
 - b. The East Providence Economic Development Commission (EDC) has approved two new loans to support local small business development projects at its April and May meetings.
 - b1. A loan in the amount of \$99,999 for the purpose of implementing building improvements for Union Bar, a bar located at 332 Bullocks Point Ave. and owned by Ruarri Miller, a Riverside resident.
 - b2. A \$50,000 loan for the purpose of removing and old bridge to the East Providence Yacht Club, a locally-owned waterfront bar and grill owned by East Providence resident Mikel Perry – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves
 - *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the items.*

c. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards update – Community Development Coordinator Dave Bachrach – see attached list

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves provides the information relating to the CDBG awards.*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Narragansett Electric Company dba National Grid E-183 115kV, Transmission Line Relocation Project – RI Supreme Court No. 2018-40-M.P. – Discussion update

- *City Solicitor Michael Marcello provides update on the line relocation project.*

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract amendment with FR Engineering Group, Inc. for construction oversight services related to the repair of the seawall located at Rose Larisa Park

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

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

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

2. Resolution requesting Juneteenth be recognized as an official holiday in the State of Rhode Island

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. 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. Amended and restated ordinance Chapter No. (Ch. 832, Book 23, pages 364-270, Adopted March 15, 2022)

Adopting an amended East Providence waterfront special development district tax increment financing plan (The “Amended Project Plan”) and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance certain public infrastructure and public improvements necessary in connection with the East Point Site Project

Sponsor: Council President Britto, Councilman Cahoon

- *Planning Director William Fazioli, Attorney Joshua Berlinsky, Betty Galligan and Richard Baccari speak about the project.*
- *Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sousa. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to adjourn 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	

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; July 19, 2022

Attest: *Leah Stoddard Deputy City Clerk*

City Clerk