

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon 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. New Claims
 - 1. Sandra Amaral
 - 2. James Damas
 - 3. Michael Desmarais
 - 4. Gabriel’s Tigermart, Inc.
 - 5. Brigitte Haywood
 - 6. Robert & Tracey Lee Mignacca
 - 7. Heather Poor
 - 8. Joseph Santos

B. Review, discussion and possible vote relating to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and IBPO Local 569 regarding minimum manning pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(2)

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 settlement

D. Providence & Worcester Railroad Company vs. City of East Providence Tax Appeals C.A. Nos. 13-6547, 14-3248, 14-6167, 15-5239, 16-5368, 17-5825, 20-02502 - Discussion and possible vote to authorize compromise pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(2)

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 Mourato to seal executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. 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 May 3, 2022
- 2. Regular meeting minutes May17, 2022

- *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	

B. Previously Approved Permits/License (Read in)

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to bundle 6B1-3. Motion seconded by Councilman Mourato. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

- *Motion made by Councilwoman Sousa to approve bundle 6B1-3. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 5-0.*

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

1. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Paul DeSousa

Location: 51 N Phillips Street, Holy Ghost Beneficial

Date & Time of Function: June 3, 2022 – June 6, 2022 6pm – 10pm

Type of Event: Feast

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Paul DeSousa

Location: 51 N Phillips Street, Holy Ghost Beneficial

Date & Time of Function: June 3, 2022 – June 6, 2022 6pm – 10pm

Type of Entertainment: Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Location: 187 N Brow Street, Sacred Cow

Date & Time of Function: May 29, 2022, 3:30pm – 7:30pm

Type of Entertainment: Music

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C11

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

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

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C11

- *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	

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Block Party

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Applicant Location: 187 N Brow Street, Scared Cow

Date & Time of Function: September 4, 2022, 4:30pm-7:30pm

Street to be closed: Corner of Cross Street & North Brow

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Anthony Pratico

Location: 2595 Pawtucket Avenue, St. Martha’s Church

Date & Time of Function: June 18, 2022, 5:00pm- 10:00pm

Type of Event: 20 Week Dinner Club

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Armando Medeiros

Location: 26 Teofilo Braga Way, Teophilo Braga Brotherhood

Date & Time of Function: July 8, 2022 – July 10, 2022, 7:00pm

Type of Event: Feast

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage
 Applicant: Rita Vargas
 Location: 81 North Carpenter Street, St. Francis Xavier Church
 Date & Time of Function: June 17, 2022 – June 19, 2022, 6:00pm
 Type of Event: Feast

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Rita Vargas
 Location: 81 North Carpenter Street, St. Francis Xavier Church
 Date & Time of Function: June 17, 2022 – June 19, 2022, 6:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Live band & DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Armando Medeiros
 Location: 26 Teofilo Braga Way, Teophilo Braga Brotherhood
 Date & Time of Function: July 8, 2022 – July 10, 2022, 7:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Live band

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. One Day Entertainment License – New
 Applicant: Laura Winig
 Location: 0 Riverside Drive
 Date & Time of Function: September 10, 2022, 4:00pm-8:00pm
 Type of Entertainment: Live band

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

8. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Keith Leite

Business Name: Bussin Hot Dogs

Business Address: 34 Brentwood Drive, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

9. Application for Hawker License

Applicant: Keith Lambert

Business Name: New England Novelty

Business Address: 141 Newport Avenue, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

10. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Keith Lambert

Business Name: New England Novelty

Business Address: 141 Newport Avenue, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

11. Application for Victualing License – Class 3 – Transfer
 Transfer from: Stop & Save Inc. dba Stop & Save
 Transfer to: Oak Valley dba Stop & Save
 Location: 244 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV Liquor License – New
 Applicant: Tiffany Barrera
 Business Name: Luna’s Café LLC
 Business Address: 615 Waterman Avenue, 02914

- *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	

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - None

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.

1. Candy Seel – Remarks relating to the bond resolution discussion at the May 17, 2022 City Council Meeting

- *Candy Seel addressed the Council*

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.

Name	Docket Item
Jenn Tierney	Native Species Tree Ordinance

XI. APPOINTMENTS - None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. East Providence Tree Commission updates – Councilwoman Sousa - Discussion only

- *Councilwoman Sousa requests Carol, chair of the East Providence Tree Commission, update the council on the work the commission has accomplished*

2. Policing non registered motorized vehicles, enforcement of ordinances – Councilwoman Sousa - Discussion only

- *Councilwoman Sousa speaks to the non-registered vehicles in the City*

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

A. First and Final Passage

1. Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$475,000 for improvements to the Riverside Recreation Field

Summary: The purpose of this Ordinance is to allocate \$475,000 of the remaining unencumbered and unallocated Capital Budget for improvements to the Riverside Recreation Field

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

- *DPW Director Daniel Borges presents the proposed plans*
- *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	

B. Second Passage

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

- ***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. 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

- ***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	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment requiring Council confirmation

a. Gregory E. Miller to Planning Board, Citywide Seat, term 01/16/2022-01/15/2027

- *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. Appointment not requiring Council confirmation

a. Reappointment of Daniel Corria to East Providence Affirmative Action Committee, Seat 8, term 05/02/2022-05/01/2024

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves informs Council of Daniel Corria's qualifications*

b. Reappointment of Tiesha Nieves Sinouthasy to Affirmative Action Committee, Seat 4, term 05/02/2022-05/01/2024

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves informs Council of Tiesha Nieves Sinouthasy's qualifications*

3. Items for discussion

a. Monthly financial report – April Capital expenses and finances – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

- *Finance Director Malcolm Moore was present, no questions were asked*

b. Rumford Range Remediation/RI Army National Guard cleanup/project update – Deputy DPW Director Erik Skadberg

- *DPW Director Daniel Borges spoke about the project*

c. East Providence Community Center update meeting June 14, 2022, 7:00pm – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves informs the Council and public of the meeting*

d. Rhode Island Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (DR-4653-RI) – Incident period: January 28, 2022 – January 29, 2022 – Major disaster declaration declared on May 12, 2022. The City will be reimbursed for 75% of eligible expenses – EMA Director Chief Glenn Quick

- ***Wayne Barnes of East Providence Emergency Management addresses the topic along with***

e. Discussion regarding Mayor’s Advisory Board on LGBTQI+ Affairs – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- ***Director of Administration speaks about the new board and announces their first meeting on June 8, 2022, 6pm in room 306***

f. Pride Month – June 25, 2022, flag raising and other event details to be announced – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- ***Director of Administration reads information about the flag raising***

g. Day of Portugal Proclamation – in recognition of the annual holiday celebrated throughout Portuguese speaking communities, officially known as Dia de Camoes, de Portugal e das Coumidades Portuguesas, the holiday commemorates the death of Luis de Camoes on June 10, 1580. It is Portugal’s National Day, ceremony and flag raising to be held on June 7, 2022, 11:00am in the East Providence City Hall lobby – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- ***Director of Administration speaks about the Day of Portugal***

h. Azorean Day Proclamation – in recognition of the annual holiday celebrated a The Day of the Azores. The Day of Azores is a regional public holiday in the Portuguese autonomous region of the Azores on the day after Pentecost Sunday. It is a day to honor the affirmation of the historical, cultural and social identity of the Azorean people, their philosophy of like and their regional unity. Ceremony and flag raising to be held on June 6, 2022, 11:00am in the East Providence City Hall lobby – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- ***Director of Administration speaks about Azorean Day***

i. EMS Week Proclamation – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- ***Director of Administration reads EMS proclamation***

j. Police Week Proclamation – Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

- *Director of Administration reads Police week proclamation*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Claims Committee Report

- *City Solicitor Michael Marcello reads claim committee report*
- *City Solicitor Michael Marcello states the Police minimum manning MOA passed unanimously*

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc. for the design and bidding phase services related to the East Providence Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Design

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- *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. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with MAS Building & Bridge, Inc. for the remaining repairs to 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	

3. Resolution allowing the Police Department of the City of East Providence to Collaborate with non-adjacent Rhode Island municipalities and police departments through a proposed statewide mutual aid agreement
Sponsor: Council President Britto

- ***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	

4. Resolution requesting the General Assembly to enact Bill H-7616 relating to the Department of Healthy Aging
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	

5. Resolution to amend resolution No. 204, Book 27, Page 373 Adopted May 17, 2022.
 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

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

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

6. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for landscape construction services for improvements to the East Providence Senior Center Grounds

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

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

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

7. Resolution supporting a request for proposals seeking solutions to provide for the security of our schools

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- ***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 – None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- ***Motion to adjourn 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	

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: June 21, 2022

Attest: Leah Addard Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk