

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, July 18, 2023

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

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Acknowledgement of Amy Barbosa Corrections Officer of the Year– *Sponsor: Vice President Rego*
2. Acknowledgment of Rumford Little League for hosting the State Little League Championship – *Sponsor: Vice President Rego*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A. Claims

1. Mynor Osorio
2. Manuel & Gilda Pereira

- B. Sewer Abatements
 - 1. Alda Cordeiro
 - 2. Industrial Heights Condo (Steve Gentile)
 - 3. Kristine Carlson Dreyer

- C. Samantha N. Burnett vs. City of East Providence
 - R.I. Commission for Human Rights
 - RICHR No. 22 ERA 019
 - Update based on finding of no probable cause

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023
- 2. Executive Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023

B. MEETING DATES

- a. Move City Council Meeting from September 5, 2023 to September 6, 2023 -
Discussion and Vote- Council Vice President Rego
- b. Move City Council Meeting from November 7, 2023 to November 8, 2023 –
Discussion and Vote – Council Vice President Rego

C. TAX ABATEMENTS-Council accepting correspondence.

Year	Amount
2022	\$276.04
2023	\$8861.08
Total	\$9137.12

D. LETTERS

1. Notice of New Property Number, Richard Palumbo, 36 Miles Avenue (02914), Map 305 Block 08 Parcel 007. 10
2. Notice of New Property Number, CT Properties LLC, 72 Burnside Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.30
3. Notice of New Property Number, Madhavan Rackappan & Narayanan Chidambaram, 70 Burnside Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.20
4. Notice of New Property, William Lino Campos, 68 Burnside Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.10
5. Notice of New Property, J & E Holdings LLC, 66 Burnside Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.00
6. Notice of New Property, Bharat Gadiraju & Clairmont Properties LLC, 53 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.80
7. Notice of New Property, Narayanan Chidambaram, 49 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.70
8. Notice of New Property, 57B Rodman LLC, 45 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.60
9. Notice of New Property, Richard Palumbo, 41 Hoppin Avenue (02915), Map 411, Block 17, Parcel 005.50
10. Notice of New Property, John J Flatley, 1279 Wampanoag Trail, AKA 101 Countryside Lane (02915) Map 711, Block 03, Parcel 015.00

E. READ IN

1. Block Party
 Applicant: St. Francis Xavier Feast (Adelino & Maria Rosa)
 Applicant Location: 15 Purchase St
 Time and Date: June 18, 2023 1:30-3:00pm
 Street to be closed: Warren Ave, Purchase Ave, School St

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice		

President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote
A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C7

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C7

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

- Road Race
 Applicant: Ocean State MultiSport (Gary Menissian)
 Applicant Location: Pierce Field
 Date and Time of Function: June 2, 2024 8am-noon
 Street to be closed: N/A

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- Road Race

Applicant: Ocean State MultiSport (Gary Menissian)
 Applicant Location: Pierce Field
 Date and Time of Function: September 8, 2024 8am-noon
 Street to be closed: N/A

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

3. Block Party
 Applicant: Sacred Cow (Rob Armstrong)
 Applicant Location: 187 and 151 N Brow
 Date and Time of Function: August 20, 2023 3:00-6:00 pm
 Street to be closed: Cross Street from N Brow to Summit

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

4. Block Party
 Applicant: Lindsey Oldham
 Applicant Location: 22 Ferncrest Dr
 Date and Time of Function: August 12, 2023 4:00-11:00pm
 Street to be closed: Ferncrest Drive

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

5. Block Party

Applicant: Rick Lawson

Applicant Location: (Riverside Square) 3730 Pawtucket Ave

Date and time of Function: July 28, 2023 August 11, 2023, August 25, 2023, September 8, 2023 5:00-8:00pm

Street to be closed: Pawtucket Ave between Burnside and Turner

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

6. Block Party

Applicant: Diane Pacheco

Applicant Location: 39 Richfield Ave

Date and Time of Function: August 12, 2023 2:00-8:00pm

Street to be closed: Section of Richfield Ave; corner of Clyde Avenue to the corner of Townhouse Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

7. Special Events One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Event: Munroe Dairy Cruise Night

Location: 187-151 N Brow St

Date and Time of Event: August 20, 2023 3-6pm

Type of Entertainment: DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President		

Rodericks		
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D. PUBLIC HEARING –

1. Class B- Full Privilege- New
 Applicant: Kristin Smith
 Business name: Scentique
 Location: 136 Taunton Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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. Nancy Hale – Public Safety

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

Motion to bundle re-appointments XI1-XI8

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

Motion to Approve Re-Appointments XI1-XI8

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

1. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Paulo Salgueiro Jr. – Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

2. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Bruce Rogers – Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

3. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Joan Hanrahan-Miller – Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		

Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

4. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Joanne Perella–
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

5. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Lumena Rodrigues –
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

6. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Izilda Fernandes –
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

7. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Donna McMahan –
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay

Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

8. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Stephen Costa – Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

9. Re-Appointment to the Crescent Park Advisory Commission – Rick Lawson as Council Liason– Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. City infrastructure drainage issues and plan development throughout East Providence; to include but not limited to the Dewey Avenue neighborhood- *Discussion only- Council President Rodericks & Vice President Rego*

2. Discussion and act on allocation of ARPA funding - possible vote
 - a. \$250,000 to update, road (ground surface) landscape and public access to the boat ramps, lighting, and parking for trailers at Bold Point Park and John Lewis Waterfront Park.-*Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
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Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

b. Utility Box Art Project- Citywide \$50,000- *Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

c. Pierce Field Football stadium \$50,000 - replaces walking track ADA compliance-
Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

d. Townie Pride Park \$250,000 (secure parameter, fixed benches, cobblestone or brick walking path around pond, define parking lot) – *Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President		

Rodericks		
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e. Placemaking throughout the City- \$550,000- *Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

f. Funding of Crescent Park Concession/Event Tent Project- \$1,000,000-
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

g. Adaptive playground equipment for our special needs' population \$500,000-
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

h. Discussion of amount to be allocated to a Community Center – *Councilman
Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		

Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- i. Discussion and vote on allocating \$200,000 towards a splash pad in Riverside-
Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

3. Update on restriping of traffic lines at the end of Waterman Ave and Massasoit Ave.-
Discussion Only-Councilwoman Sousa
4. Update on the hiring of Arborist as required by the Charter. Overgrowth of Tree branches at trunk of tree in the center city-*Councilwoman Sousa*
5. Council Rules -(Mayor Communication)- Provide updated guidelines on appropriate communication for council meetings -*Discussion only-Councilwoman Sousa*
6. Update from Solicitor regarding House and Senate Bill about Short term rentals, Airbnb –
Discussion- Councilwoman Sousa
7. Crook's Point - City to seek leasing property from the State to create public access (emergencies) to waterfront and pond for residents. - *Discussion only- Councilwoman Sousa*
8. An update on the construction on the Henderson Bridge project and road striping. –
Discussion Only-Councilwoman Sousa
9. Install 4 way stop sign at intersection of Barney and Bishop Ave.-*Discussion only- Council Vice President Rego and Councilman Fogarty*
10. Update on Radar Speed Sign placements, receive list of locations and projected timeline, including Don Ave and Kelly Ave-*discussion only-Council Vice President Rego and Councilwoman Sousa*
11. Update of city paving program for 2023 from Department of Public Works – *Discussion only - Council Vice President Rego*
12. Discussion on trash collection in East Providence public parks from Department of public Works- *Discussion only- Councilman Lawson*
13. City Council response to Charter Commission inquiry- *Discussion only -Council President Roderick and Council Vice President Rego*
14. Request for RFP to build a concession building at Crescent Park and a concrete pad to hold an event tent. – *Vote- Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		

Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

1. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$100,000 for the support of the Crescent Park Concession Project
Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

2. 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: Section 8-6 Authority to Issue One Day License
Sponsor: Council Vice President Frank Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 16 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “taxation”.
Summary: Section 16-94 Ratable Property Classification
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay

Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

4. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 16 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “taxation”.

Summary: Section 16-56 One Time Tax Amnesty Period-Real Property Tax Payments

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

5. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 16 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “taxation”.

Summary: Section 16-57 One Time Tax Amnesty Period-Tangible and motor vehicle taxes

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS –

Receive reports and act on possible audit- *Discuss and vote- Full City Council*

- a. Number of citations were paid from post warning period inception to June 30, 2023
- b. Number of events from Sensys Gatso issued from inception to June 30, 2023

- c. Number of citations were generated from these events from inception to June 30, 2023
- d. Number of citations are unpaid from inception to June 30, 2023?
- e. How many were adjudicated/dismissal from inception to June 30,2023?
- f. What is the total revenue from inception to June 30, 2023?-
- g. A report by zip code of total tickets from inception to June 30, 2023?
- h. Contract revisions permissions related to times, locations and hours of operation of School Zone and Red Light Cameras.
- i. What are the total hours and number of a police officer spent on the ticket reviewing process?
- j. Time frame of issuance for violation for previous school year.

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XV. NEW BUSINESS

6. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS-Dir. of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

a. Appointment /Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

- i. Appointment – Mr. Bazl Taliaferreow-Mosleh Appointment 8 – Economic Development Commission. Five-year Term: 10/18/2022 – 10/17/2027

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- ii. Reappointment – Dominic Leonardo, Appointment 6 – Economic Development Commission. Five-year Term: 2/22/22 - 2/21/2027

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

iii. Reappointment – Michelle Martins-Botehlo, Appointment 9 – Economic Development Commission. Five-year Term: 5/16/23-5/15/28

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

iv. Reappointment-Daniel Corria, Appointment 7 – Economic Development Commission. Five-year Term 7/27/22-7/26/27

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

b. Items for discussion or announcement

- i. Allocation of funds from the sale of Platt Watters property to Economic Development Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) account
- ii. Finance Update: June Revenues and Capital Expense – Dir of Finance Malcolm Moore
- iii. Crescent Park Carousel Summerfest; Thursday July 20,2023 6-10pm, Friday July 21, 2023 6-10pm, Saturday July 22, 2023 1-10pm & Sunday July 23, 2023 1-5pm
- iv. Holy Ghost Brotherhood/Santa Maria Club feast July 28 and 29 from 6pm-midnight and July 30 10:30am to 10 pm
- v. National Night Out: August 1, 2023 5-8pm East Providence Senior Center
- vi. Loof Arts Festival: Saturday, August 12, 2023; RAIN DATE Sunday August 13, 2023

7. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- a. Report of City Solicitor
 - i. Claims Committee Report

8. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

9. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote.

- a. Resolution establishing the East Providence Small Business Advisory Committee.
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- b. Resolution re-naming Rose Larisa Memorial Park to Crescent Park.
Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- c. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the City Hall ceiling tile replacement project.
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the City Hall VAV boxes replacement project.

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Weaver House porch exterior repairs.

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- f. Resolution supporting the increased funding of the small business revolving loan fund.

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks, Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

10. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

- a. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 of the revised ordinances of the city of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

Summary: Section 18-307 entitled “Parking prohibited at all times” Troughton Place

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks and Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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.