

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:
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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, Andreza (Andy) Skipworth

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa_____ Rodericks_____

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes August 11, 2026

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. Previously Approved Permits/License (Read In)

1. Block Party

Applicant: John Fuzek, Rhode Island Folk Fest

Applicant Location: Crescent Park, 701 Bullocks Point Ave

Date & Time of Function: August 30, 2026, 12:00pm-6:00pm

Street to be closed: None

2. Block Party

Applicant: Corey Wright

Applicant Location: 201 Mercer St

Date & Time of Function: August 16, 2026, 8:00am-9:00pm

Street to be closed: 201 Mercer Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Natalie Karneeb

Location: 187 N. Brow St.

Date & Time of Function: Sept. 6, 2026, 3:00pm-7:00pm

Type of Event: Food Truck and Ice Cream Social

2. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Michael McAteer

Location: Crescent Park, 701 Bullocks Point Ave.

Date & Time of Function: Sept. 5, 2026, 12:00pm-8:00pm

Type of Event: Indie Fest 2026

3. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer and Wine

Applicant: Jahdae Thomas

Location: Providence Country Day School, 660 Waterman Ave.

Date & Time of Function: Oct. 16, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Type of Event: Alumni Beer Garden

4. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Kayla Dailey

Business Name: Lemon Lane LLC d/b/a Lemon Lane

Business Address: 82 Benefit Street, Coventry, RI

5. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit
Applicant: Marc Sorel
Business Name: Hippie Dog Inc. D/b/a Hippie Dog
Business Address: 1246 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence
6. Application for Victualing License – Class 1 (51 or more)
Applicant: Michael Arena
Business Name: Broadway Diner Inc.
Business Address: 446 N. Broadway
7. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit
Applicant: Leigh Cordeiro
Business Name: Cordeiro Confections LLC d/b/a Tag Team Treats
Business Address: 121 Prescott Ave. East Providence
8. One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Tracy Johnson, Great Townie Pumpkin Festival
Applicant Location: Crescent Park
Date and Time of Function: Oct. 3, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm
Type of Entertainment: DJ/Band
9. One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Tracy Johnson, Food and Wine Pairing
Applicant Location: Crescent Park
Date and Time of Function: Sept. 24, 2026, 6:30pm-9:30pm
Type of Entertainment: Acoustic Performer
10. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer and Wine
Applicant: Tracy Johnson
Location: Providence Crescent Park
Date & Time of Function: Sept. 24, 2026, 6:30pm-9:30pm
Type of Event: Food & Wine Pairing
11. One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Tracy Johnson, Stubbs Wedding
Applicant Location: Crescent Park
Date and Time of Function: Sept. 19, 2026, 4:00pm-9:30pm
Type of Entertainment: DJ
12. Class F Application for Special Event – Beer and Wine
Applicant: Tracy Johnson, Stubbs Wedding
Location: Providence Crescent Park
Date & Time of Function: Sept. 19, 2026, 4:00pm-9:30pm
Type of Event: Wedding

13. Block Party

Applicant: Paul Mendence III

Applicant Location: Crescent Park, Bay Side

Date & Time of Function: September 5, 2026, 12:00pm-7:00pm

Street to be closed: None

B. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. 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.

XIII. 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.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - None

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Building permit process for non-structural work; window replacement, permit fees, etc.

Discussion Only - Council President Rodericks

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second and/or final passage
for discussion and possible vote**

1. 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: Sec. 18-307. The purpose of this Ordinance to place a no parking sign on both sides of Dover Avenue from Warren Avenue south to Baldwin Street

Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Director of Policy & Constituent Services,
Andre Herrera

1. **Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
2. **Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation**
 - Appointment of Hope Moran to the Mayor’s Young Innovators Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/3/2026 – 8/2/2027.
3. **Items for announcement/discussion**
4. Principal Planner III, Dominic Leonardo to give presentation on ongoing ARPA and City Capital projects.
5. Proclamation honoring Minimum Housing Code Enforcement Inspector, Eugene Saveory upon his retirement after 32 years of dedicated Service to the City of East Providence.
6. Proclamation recognizing September as Alzheimer’s Awareness Month in the City of East Providence.
7. Proclamation recognizing September 7 as Brazilian Independence Day in the City of East Providence.
8. Proclamation recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of East Providence.
9. Proclamation recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of East Providence.

10. Proclamation recognizing September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month in the City of East Providence.

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS - None

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Sperry Fabric Architecture for the purchase of a 48'x98' Savannah Structure Tent at Crescent Park

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution in support of the re-introduction and passage of the Natural Forest Protection Act

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Won-Door Corporation to increase school safety at East Providence High School

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego & Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Synet to increase school safety at East Providence High School
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego & Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Challenge Electronics, Inc. to increase school safety at East Providence High School
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego & Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution authorizing the granting of an easement to the Narragansett Electric Company related to Crescent Park improvements
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents related to the Washington Bridge Project concerning a temporary construction easement and the condemnation of land for the Washington Bridge
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Resolution requesting that the East Providence City Council name the traffic island on Pawtucket Avenue and Centre Avenue the James B. Lappin, Sr. Island
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. 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: To make Bourne Avenue (westbound) from Brayton Avenue to Frederick Street a one-way street during the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm on school days

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 18 of the revised ordinance of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Vehicles And Traffic"

Summary: To place a stop sign at Rhodes Avenue (northbound and southbound traffic), at Burnside Avenue

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. 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" Amending Section 18-308 entitled "Parking time limitations – 15 minutes"

Summary: Sec. 18-308. The purpose of this Ordinance to place a 15-minute parking sign at Warren Avenue (south side) from a point 105 feet west of South Hull Street westerly 20 feet.

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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