

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
AMENDED
JOURNAL/MINUTES DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 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/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 Not Present 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 and collective bargaining

A. 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
Approval of proposed Settlement Agreement & Release

B. Collective Bargaining 42-46-5(a)(2) Firefighter Local 850 review and approval of 3 year tentative agreement

- *Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Cahoon X Mourato X Rodericks X Sousa Not Present Britto X

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- *Motion made by Council Vice President Rodericks to seal executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Executive session minutes July 19, 2022
2. Executive session minutes August 16, 2022
3. Regular meeting minutes August 16, 2022
4. Budget session minutes August 30, 2022

B. LETTERS

1. Notice of New Property Number, CT Properties LLC, 7 Vineland Avenue (02916), Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20
2. Notice of New Property Number, CT Properties LLC, 11 Lynn Avenue (02916), Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20.1
3. Notice of New Property Number, CT Properties LLC, 5 Lynn Avenue (02916), Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20.2
4. Notice of New Property Number, 57B Rodman LLC, 17 Payette Street (02914), Map 406, Block 5, Parcel 5.1

5. Notice of New Property Number, Howe Realty, 5 Industrial Way (02915), Map 310, Block 7, Parcel 3

C. TAX ABATEMENTS

Year	Amount
2021	\$46.20
2022	\$3,151.06
Total	\$3,197.26

D. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMITS/LICENSES (READ IN)

1. Block Party

Applicant: Matt Shumate

Applicant Location: 18 Barnsdale Road 02914

Date & Time of Function: August 20, 2022, 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Street to be closed: Barnsdale Road and Maplewood to Barnsdale and Oakwood Road

- Motion made by Councilman Cahoon to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.

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

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C13

- Motion to bundle made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-0.

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

B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C13

- *Motion to approve bundle made by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion seconded by Councilman Cahoon. Motion passes 4-0.*

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

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Road Race

Applicant: Gary Menissian

Location: Pierce Field Stadium

Date & Time of Event: September 10, 2023, 9:00am – 11:00am

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. Block Party

Applicant: Valerie Bento

Applicant Location: 15 Middle Street, Floor 1, 02915

Date & Time of Function: September 11, 2022, 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Street to be closed: 3730 Pawtucket Ave with partial Burnside Ave

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Lynn Poissant

Location: 21 Hospital Road, 02915

Date & Time of Function: October 15, 2022, 11:00am- 3:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Small band

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Application for Victualing License – Class 1 – Transfer

Transfer from: Martins Acquisitions LLC

Transfer to: American Dream of 195 dba Sunoco

Location: 481 Warren Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

5. Application for Holiday Sales – Transfer

Transfer from: Martins Acquisitions LLC

Transfer to: American Dream of 195 dba Sunoco

Location: 481 Warren Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

6. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: A. Russell Spellman

Business Name: Incred-A-Bowl Food Company

Business Address: 1075 S. Broadway, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

7. Application for Victualing – Class 1- New

Applicant: A. Russell Spellman

Business Name: Incred-A-Bowl Food Company

Business Address: 1075 S. Broadway, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

8. Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit

Applicant: Nadine Lopes

Business Name: Vegan Suga

Business Address: 100 Sunrise Ave., West Warwick, RI 02893

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

9. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Anita Carnevale

Business Name: The Nerdy Baker LLC

Business Address: 237 Newman Ave, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

10. Application for Victualing – Class 3- New

Applicant: Anita Carnevale

Business Name: The Nerdy Baker LLC

Business Address: 237 Newman Ave, 02916

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

11. Road Race

Applicant: John Benros

Location: Pierce Field Stadium

Date & Time of Event: July 2, 2023, 9:00am-11:00am

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

12. Class F1 Application for Special Event – Alcoholic Beverage

Applicant: Lidia Alves

Location: 59 Brightridge Ave., Holy Ghost

Date & Time of Function: October 8, 2022, 12pm – 6pm

Type of Entertainment: Community Music Festival Fundraiser

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

13. One Day Entertainment License – New

Applicant: Valerie Bento

Location: 15 Middle Street, Floor 1, 02915

Date & Time of Function: September 11, 2022, 12:00am- 6:00pm

Type of Entertainment: Small band

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Green Energy net metering update – Hannah Morini presents

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. Audio recording devices – Kathy Holahan

- *Kathy Holahan could not be present, will speak at a later date*

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
Jen Tierney	EP Tree Commission/Budget for position

XI. APPOINTMENTS - None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Bold Point concerts and complaints from Providence Residents – Councilman Cahoon – Discussion

- *Councilman Cahoon addresses the emails received from Providence residents and Providence Councilman Goncalves about the noise from Bold Point. Council President Britto states that next season Bold Point will not be in operation as they will be constructing a permanent structure stage that will be facing away from the city of Providence*

2. Enforcement of the short term rental and illegal motorized vehicles/mini dirt bikes – Councilman Mourato and Councilwoman Sousa – Discussion

- *Councilman Mourato stated that the short term rental question has been answered. Councilwoman Sousa asked that the motorized vehicles/mini dirt bikes be added to the docket for 9/20/2022 and the Chief of Police be in attendance*

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second 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: Section 18-307, No parking Commack Avenue

Sponsor: Councilman Cahoon

- 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. 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 18-247, Providence Avenue (south bound), from Beacon Park Drive to Sunset Avenue, one-way street during the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm and 3:00pm on school days

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. 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 18-269, Stop sign on Allen Avenue (westbound traffic) at Smith Street

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

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

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

4. 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 18-247, One-way during the hours of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm on school days: Blanche Avenue (eastbound), from Orlo Avenue to Irving Avenue; Bourne Avenue (westbound) from Brayton Avenue to Hoyt Avenue; Clifford Street (eastbound), from Bishop Avenue to Pawtucket Avenue; Dodge Street (northbound), from Silver Spring Avenue to Hilltop Road; Fort Street (eastbound), from Fifth Street to Seventh Street; Glenrose Drive (eastbound) from Lantern Lane to Ferncrest Drive; Grosvenor Avenue (eastbound), from North Hull Street to North County Street; Howland Avenue (westbound), from Dover Avenue to Pawtucket Avenue; Hoyt Avenue (northbound), from Bourne Avenue to Thatcher Street; Progress Street (southbound), from Heath Street to Silver Spring Avenue; Purchase Street (northbound), from Orchard Street to Grove Avenue; Silver Spring Avenue (westbound), from Progress Street to Dodge Street; Wannamoisett Road (eastbound), from Dover avenue to Pawtucket

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks & Councilman Cahoon

- **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	

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. BUDGET SESSION – Review of the Administrations FY23 proposed budget

- 1. Public Works
 - a. Building Inspection –*Discussed*
 - b. Engineering –*Discussed*
 - c. Streetlights –*Discussed*
 - d. Refuse Disposal –*Discussed*
 - e. Public Buildings –*Discussed*
 - f. Central Garage –*Discussed*
- 2. City Government
 - a. City Clerk –*Discussed*
 - b. law –*Discussed*
- 3. City Operations
 - a. EEOC/Affirmative Action –*Discussed*
- 4. Community Services
 - a. Library –*Discussed*

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Appointment requiring Council confirmation
 - a. Christopher Dias to Canvassing Board, new appointment, seat 2, term 03/02/2022-03/01/2028

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*
- *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	

b. William Murphy to Canvassing Board, new appointment, seat 4, term 09/06/2022-09/06/2028

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*
- *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	

2. Items for announcement/discussion

a. Bloomberg Asphalt Arts Project On Saturday, Sept 10th and 11th to come paint alongside artist Anna Dugan for the Bloomberg Asphalt Mural project. The grant-funded project enables Artist Anna Dugan to paint an asphalt mural between Hennessey School and Pierce Field. The artist is requesting approximately 10 people per hour to assist in the creation of this delightful mural. Interested parties may sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/1OCO4AA5A829AAFACE9-asphalt Additional details about the project and grant may be found here: <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/news-announcements/planning-economic-development/bloomberg-philanthropies-awards-26-us-cities-grants> And here: <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/news-announcements/planning-economic-development/east-providence-arts-council-and-city-host>

- *Director of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves reads the item.*

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

a. Report on Settlement Agreement & Release of Cheryl Curti vs. City of East Providence, R.I. Commission for Human Rights, RICHR No. 21 ESE 071-05/03

- Solicitor Michael Marcello states resolution was passed by a vote of 4-0 and the settlement is not to exceed \$45,000

b. Report on Collective Bargaining of Firefighter Local 850 approval of 3 year tentative agreement

- Solicitor Michael Marcello states this tentative agreement has not been ratified and there has been no action taken

2. DPW Director, Daniel Borges

- Motion to bundle 2a – 2c 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	

- Motion to approve bundle 2a – 2c 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	

a. Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 10 Ide Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

b. Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 16 Leonard Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

c. Vote to approve handicapped parking request – 40 Reynolds Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

3. Martin Middle/Waddington Renovation Project Stage II application as requested by the East Providence School Department

- *Presentation by Sam Bradner and Jim Jordan*

4. Consider & Vote to approve Martin Middle/Waddington Stage II application submittal as requested by the East Providence School Department

- *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	

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- *Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes at 10:02pm made by Councilman Cahoon. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Rodericks. Motion passes 4-1.*

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

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Communication Systems, Inc. for a new access control system for the police station
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks & Councilman Cahoon

- *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 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Northeast Revaluation Group LLC, for the reappraisal and revaluation of all real property within the City of East Providence

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks & 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	

D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote – None

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: September 20, 2022

Attest: Leah Stoddard Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk