

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**AMENDED DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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/UC0YEW6s1RpjckR47VMil1LA>

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**

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

- A. Drew Tasca; RM No. 24-099, Claim No. 25-002
- B. Octavia Cunha – RM No. 24-076, 24-083, Claim No. 24-035, 24-037
- C. Briana Miceli – RM No. 24-093, Claim No. 24-039
- D. Lana Ferreira – City Ordinance Sec. 17-183(g), request for sewer abatement
- E. Kathy Ann Gallant – City Ordinance Sec. 17-183(g), request for sewer abatement
- F. Marcus Lopes – Sewer Charge Abatement

G. City of East Providence v. Steven & Constance Donahue, PC 2022-06687, update on case status and removal of encroachment on Grassy Plains Park

**III. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Fogarty \_\_\_\_\_ Lawson \_\_\_\_\_ Rego \_\_\_\_\_ Sousa \_\_\_\_\_ Rodericks \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**V. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**VI. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote**

- A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:
  - 1. January 7, 2025, Regular Meeting
- B. ABATEMENT

YEAR	AMOUNT
Previous Years	\$2,840.77
2024	2,091.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4,931.77</u></b>

- C. Acknowledgement of the resignation of member David O’Connell from the East Providence Waterfront Commission.

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VIII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

A. Motion to Bundle C1 – C9

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. Motion to approve licenses

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Type of Business: New – Dog Training  
Applicant: Joseph Corsi  
Business Name: Strategic K9 Training LLC  
Address: 2384 Pawtucket Avenue
2. Special Events – One Day Entertainment (4)  
Applicant: Alba Curti  
Location: 610 Waterman Avenue  
Event: performances by local and regional folk singers  
Date & Time(s): 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/21 of 2025 7pm – 9pm
3. Type of Business: Transfer - Fish Market  
Applicant: Ivo Vieira

Business Name: Ocean Fish Market  
Address: 220 Warren Avenue

4. Special Event – One Day Entertainment  
Applicant: Edgar Barillas  
Business Name: Francesca’s Restaurant  
Address: 525 N. Broadway  
Date & Time: 2/14/25 5pm – 9pm
5. Special Event – One Day Liquor License  
Applicant: Emily DaSilva  
Business Name: Sacred Heart Church  
Address: 116-118 Taunton Avenue  
Date & Time: 2/7/25 6pm – 10pm
6. Special Event – Liquor License  
Applicant: Rita Vargas  
Business Name: St. Franics Xavier Church  
Address: 81 N Carpenter Street  
Date & Time: 2/2/25 1:30pm – 6pm  
(Approved – Read Only)
7. Type of Business: Transfer – Liquor License  
Applicant: Mark Buben  
Business Name: Ichigo Ichie RI LLC  
Address: 5 Catamore Blvd
8. Type of Business: Transfer New Business  
Applicant: Shawn Tavares  
Business Name: Gem Laundromat  
Address: 257 Bullocks Point Avenue
9. Type of Business: New Food Truck  
Applicant: Glenda Gonzalez  
Business Name: California Taco Food Truck  
Address: 190 Brown Street

#### **D. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Type of Business: Transfer of Tenancy  
Applicant: Mark Buben  
Business Name: Ichigo Ichie R.I. LLC  
Address: 5 Catamore Boulevard

#### **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.*

**VIII. 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**

1. Re-appointment of Elizabeth Ingraham to the East Providence Public Library Trustees. Council President Rego

**X. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Effect of potential state and Federal executive order impounding grants and allocation and effect on future city finances. Council President Rodericks
2. Discuss safety measures in our public spaces. Councilman Lawson
3. Discuss streetscapes in our commercial corridors and re-establishment of the City Council Beautification Advisory Commission. Councilman Lawson
4. Request for update on Crescent Park project. Councilman Lawson
5. Discussion on the maintenance of the railroad tracks within City of East Providence. Council Vice President Rego
6. Veterans Advisory Committee Update. Councilman Lawson
7. Warming center update. Council President Rodericks

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second and 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” the Council of the City of East Providence hereby ordains: Section I. Article X entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” of Chapter 18 of the revised ordinances of the city of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, by adding a new section 18-317 which set municipal parking lot regulations and signage. Introduced by: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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” the Council of the City of East Providence hereby ordains: Section 18-11 entitled “traffic fines” of article I entitled “in general” of chapter 18 of the is amended by adding thereto the following: For violation of municipal parking lot regulations ordinance (plus towing and storage charges, if any) \$60.00. Introduced by: 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” Section 18-307 entitled “Parking prohibited at all times” of Article X entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” is amended by adding thereto the following: Ivy Street (west side) for a distance of 40 feet from the intersection of Waterman Avenue. Introduced by: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**X. CONTINUED BUSINESS – NONE**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief of Staff Patricia Resende

**1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation**

- NONE

**2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation**

- Elizabeth Kinder, appointment to Tree Commission, Appointment Number 3, Term 2/16/24 – 2/17/27

**Items for announcement/discussion**

- Martin Luther King Day Celebration – Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Noon (time change)

- Oldham School Community Feedback Meeting – Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6PM  
Fuller Learning Center
- February Gall Bladder Cancer Awareness
- Black History Month
- Proclamation - DEI

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. Michael Marcello, City Solicitor reporting on claims & litigation

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON**

1. Acknowledgment of both Ward 2 and Ward 3 seats won by Antonio Desimas and David Luiz voted in as Vice Chair and Chair

**D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote**

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an extension of the agreement for red light enforcement services and school zone speed enforcement services.  
Sponsored by Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution establishing the “Big Al” Alfred D. Santie recreational park, currently known as the riverside athletic and recreational area. Sponsored by East Providence City Council

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution establishing the East Providence City Council Beautification Advisory Commission. Sponsored by Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay

Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a new rescue for the Fire Department. Sponsored by 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” Article X entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” is amended by adding thereto the following: Sec. 18-317. Resident Parking Only. (a) The following streets shall be designated as Resident Parking Only: Ivy Street from Waterman Avenue to Blanding Street, both sides, from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday, all day. Introduced by: Council President Bob Rodericks, Councilwoman Anna Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		



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Posted: 1/31/2025