

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 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)

1. Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation - Discussion and possible vote to amend the Settlement Agreement dated 12/31/2020

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

MOTION RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Sandra Forand, East Providence Public School Superintendent – Ride Stage II Submission

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes – September 2, 2025

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. LETTERS: New Addresses

1. 300 Bourne Ave., E. Providence, RI 02916, Map 303, Block 17, Parcel 001.00
2. 16 Rowley St, E. Providence, RI 02914, Map 407, Block 13, Parcel 002.10
3. 186-188 Juniper Street, E. Providence, RI 02914, Map 106, Block 34, Parcel 010.00

C. Tax Abatements – Cancellations and Abatements

YEAR		AMOUNT
2025		\$39,046.20
TOTAL		<u>\$39,046.20</u>

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

D. PUBLIC HEARING

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.

1. Bethany White – Discriminating Chicken Ordinance
2. Nancy Hale – America 250 (Spring/Summer 2026)

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

1. Appointment of Councilman Lawson to the East Providence Conservation Commission. This is a 3-year term ending 9/17/2028. Sponsored by Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. 2025 projected revenue and actual revenue received YTD. Councilman Lawson
2. Community Choice Electricity Aggregation. Council Vice President Rego
3. Fire and building inspections from the Aug 12 meeting. Council Vice President Rego
4. National Grid paving process. Council Vice President Rego
5. Cold In Place Recycling " Street Paving Project Update. Councilwoman Sousa
6. Update on Solar project at police station. Councilwoman Sousa

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

1. An ordinance increasing the annual salary of the city council pursuant to Section 2-3 of Article II of the City Charter. Annual salary of each City Council member shall increase to \$9,000.00 and the Council President shall also be entitled to an additional payment of \$1,000 above the salary as set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance. Effective January 1, 2027. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance establishing the annual salary of the Mayor. The annual salary of the Mayor shall be \$120,000. The Mayor is entitled to all other ancillary benefits of employment enjoyed by department heads. Effective January 1, 2027. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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3. Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$115,824.50 for improvements at Vintner Avenue Park. Introduce by Council President Roderick, Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Chief of Staff Patricia Resende

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation
 - NONE
2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation
 - NONE
3. Items for announcement/discussion
 - Police Department - Solar Canopy Update
 - August Finance and Capital Reports
 - 2025 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - 2025 Dyslexia Awareness Month
 - 2025 National Veterans Small Business Week
 - 2025 Red Ribbon Week
4. Submission of the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal budget
 - a. Receipt and acknowledgement of Administration's proposed FY 26 budget & set date for public hearing in accordance with section 5-11(1), for Wednesday September 24, 2025, at the City Council Chambers in East Providence City Hall.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS – City Solicitor Michael J. Marcello

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution to honor our sister City Vila Franca do Campo recognizing grove avenue as “Vila Franca do Campo Avenue” Introduced by Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution to honor Avelino “Chappy” Rose by recognizing Carlton Avenue as Avelino “Chappy” Rose Way. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with JR & Sons Construction Inc. for basketball court improvements at Providence Avenue Park. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a new K-9 and eight (8) new police vehicles for the police department. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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