

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023  
 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:  
<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. EXECUTIVE SESSION-none**

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - none**

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

**A. TAX ABATEMENTS**

Year	Amount
2023	20,930.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,930.24</b>

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

**A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Road Race

Applicant: Siobhan Breagy / Ground Control Events

Location: Pierce Stadium, 171 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Time and Date: May 19, 2024 7:30am-2:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. One Day Entertainment License

Applicant: Diane Sullivan on behalf of the City of East Providence

Event: East Providence 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest

Location: Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue

Date: December 9, 2023 3:00pm-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Sundays & Holidays

Applicant: Robert Baptista III

Business: Atmosphere Café

Address: 65 Valley Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Victualling- Class 1 – 51 or more

Applicant: Robert Baptista III

Business: Atmosphere Café

Address: 65 Valley Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. PUBLIC HEARING**

- Class B- Full Privilege-New  
Applicant: John Garrahy  
Business: Chipolte Mexican Grill  
Address: 74 Newport Avenue

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.*

**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 –**

- Appointment of Richard A Ferreira to the City Council Veteran Advisory Committee- *Sponsor; Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**X. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Council meeting decorum- *discuss- Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Lawson, Councilman Fogarty*
2. Review of Rumford Motor Inn 400 Newport Avenue hotel license, discuss possible actions- *discuss and vote- Council President Rodericks & Council Vice President Rego*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Report of totals of what each city department had remaining in their account end of year FY23 and was turned over to the general fund – *receive report- Vice President Rego and Councilman Lawson*
4. Council requests updated report from October 3, 2023 “Detailed ARPA allocation, spending, and existing purchase orders from inception to date broken down by program and line item” to include dates of ARPA expenditures– *receive report and discussion - Council Vice President Rego*
5. Council requests copy of Request for Proposals of the school zone camera and bids that resulted in awarding Sensys Gatso the contract – *discuss- Council Vice President Rego*
6. Discussion on City Council hiring firm to do a full audit of the city's finances- *discuss and vote- Sponsor Councilman Lawson & Councilman Fogarty*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Discussion on amending the times and location of speed cameras- *discuss-Sponsor Councilman Lawson & Councilman Fogarty*
8. Update on Police Department roof-*discuss-Councilwoman Sousa*
9. Announce Freedom Green Tree Lighting December 9, 2023 from 4:00pm-6:00pm – *announce- Vice President Rego*

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

1. An ordinance in amendment of the City’s Comprehensive Plan’s (2010-2015) Land Use Map from Low Density Residential to Commercial Mixed Use for the subject property Christine Apartments

Summary: Petition for zone change from C-1 to Commercial Mixed Use  
 Petitioner: John Flatley Company

Street Address: 1279 Wampanoag Trail

Location: Christine Apartments Map 711, block 3, parcel 15

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the city of East Providence, Rhode Island 1998, as amended, entitled “Zoning”

Summary: Petition for zone change from C-1 to Commercial Mixed Use

Petitioner: John Flatley Company

Street Address: 1279 Wampanoag Trail

Location: Christine Apartments Map 711, block 3, parcel 15

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island 1998, as amended, entitled “Zoning”

*Summary: Division 20; Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) District (Secs. 19-360.1 and 19-360.2)*

*Requested by: John Flatley Company – Christine Apartments*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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 18-307, No Parking, Warren Avenue (north side) from Purchase Street East 60 feet*

*Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS –**

1. Discussion and overview of comprehensive changes to the East Providence Zoning code as required by changes in State Law and other relevant updates
  - a. Receive report from planning of delineation of changes required by law and other relevant updates
  - b. Discuss comprehensive changes

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS - Mayor Communications: Dir. of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves**

1. Multipurpose Center Presentation
2. October Finance and Capital Expenses: Director Malcolm Moore
3. Glenlyon Fence Quotes- Department of Public Works

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS-none**

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON**

**D. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote**

1. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence repealing ordinance Chapter 900 and reallocating and reappropriating up to \$5,000,000 toward a community recreation center.

*Sponsor; Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence repealing ordinance Chapter 900 and reallocating and reappropriating up to \$3,000,000 toward a community recreation center.

*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson, Councilman Fogarty, Councilwoman Sousa, Councilman Vice President Rego, President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

1. Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program in the Amount of \$26,100,000 and Repealing Resolution No. 239 Adopted November 1, 2022

*Sponsor; Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution authorizing the East Providence Arts Council to carry out the citywide utility box art project

*Sponsor; Councilwoman Sousa*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for architectural and engineering services for the proposed East Providence community center.

*Sponsor; Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		
Fogarty		
Lawson		

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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