

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

City Council:

Council President, Bob Rodericks – At Large

Council Vice-President: Frank Rego – Ward 1

Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2

Councilman Frank Forgarty - Ward 3

Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello

Deputy City Clerk, Leah Stoddard

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A. New Claims

1. Andrew Florin
2. Richard J. Kohler, Sr.
3. Monica Lethbridge
4. Ashlyn Nordin
5. Catherine Moniz
6. Francisco Morales
7. Brent Mancuso (Office Recycling Solutions)

B. Sewer Abatements

- 1. Sochua Leiper
- 2. Virginia Terrien Bridal
- 3. Tara Rego/355 Realty
- 4. Anibal Catarina Teves
- 5. Peter & Maria Santos

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

- 1. Regular meeting minutes February 7, 2023
- 2. Executive session minutes February 7, 2023

B. LETTERS

- 1. Notice of New Property Number, Storybook Homes, 80 Oxford Street (02914), Map 406, Block 1, Parcel 009.10
- 2. Notice of New Property Number, Zachary Mumbauer, 17 Rutland Street (02914), Map 207, Block 17, Parcel 020.0
- 3. Notice of New Property Number, Paulo & Maria DeSouza, 181-183 Warren Avenue (02914), Map 106, Block 28, Parcel 011.00
- 4. Notice of New Property Number, David Sisson & Ithohan Osyimwese, 50 Oxford Street (02914), Map 306, Block 11, Parcel 004.10

B. TAX ABATEMENTS

Year	Amount
2018	\$240.00
2019	\$141.90
2020	\$72.03
2021	\$246.75
2022	\$79.56
Total	\$780.24

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Holiday Sales - New
Applicant: Sovuthea Oun
Business Name: We Stand The Social
Business Address: 174 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Application for Tattoo Shop – New
Applicant: Sovuthea Oun
Business Name: We Stand The Social
Business Address: 174 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Application for Victualing – Class 3- New

Applicant: Mario Lopo

Business Name: Forca Portugal

Business Address: 85-87 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
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Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Mario Lopo

Business Name: Forca Portugal

Business Address: 85-87 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Application for Victualing License – Class 1, Transfer

Transfer from: Jinxiang Chen, Hibachi Buffet, Inc. dba Hibachi Buffet

Business Name: 58A Newport, East Providence, RI 02914

Transfer to: Raymond Cheng, Newport Hibachi dba Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Application for Holiday Sales - New

Applicant: Raymond Cheng

Business Name: Newport Hibachi dba Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

Business Address: 58A Newport, East Providence, RI 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. BV Full Liquor License – Transfer

Transfer from: Jinxiang Chen, Hibachi Buffet, Inc. dba Hibachi Buffet

Business Name: 58A Newport, East Providence, RI 02914

Transfer to: Raymond Cheng, Newport Hibachi dba Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rodericks		

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. East Providence Junior Townies State Champions; 10U Football – Councilwoman Sousa

IX. COMMUNICATIONS – None

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.

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.

XI. APPOINTMENTS – None

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. City Clerk job description review, vacancy/appointment procedure– Discussion and Possible vote – Council President Rodericks and Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Discussion of non-tolerance for distribution of “racist” or other discriminatory materials within East Providence – Discussion – Council President Rodericks
3. Administration’s recommendation on posting, applications and interviews for City Clerk position – Discussion – Councilman Lawson
4. Review of East Providence School Zone speed camera and red light traffic enforcement camera Sensys Gatso contract and policy – Discussion - Councilman Fogarty
5. Review of Wampanoag Trail/Pawtucket Avenue intersection safety concerns, former Wampanoag Diner site – Discussion – Councilman Fogarty
6. Kent Heights Water Tower appearance – Discussion – Councilman Fogarty
7. Procedures on public use of fields and parks, specifically permitting requirements – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
8. RFP timeline for repairs and improvements to Freedom Green Park, Lyle Bourne Park, Glenlyon and Kimberly Rock Complex – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
9. Mutual aid and local City rescues run report for the days January 22nd and January 23rd of 2023 – Discussion – Council Vice President Rego
10. Traffic calming measure via signage at Lyons Avenue and Waterman Avenue after Six Corners – Discussion – Councilwoman Sousa

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second passage - For discussion and possible vote – None

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Items for announcement/discussion
 - a. Update on monthly (January) capital and general expenses and finances – Finance Dir. Malcolm Moore
 - b. Update and presentation on the planning of the East Providence Community Center – Mayor DaSilva, Starck Architects
 - c. Update and presentation on current Capital Projects – Director of DPW Daniel Borges, Senior Planner Domenic Leonardo

- d. East Providence HEZ housing advisory group is hosting a Zoom to discuss affordable housing efforts in East Providence on March 9, 2023 at 5PM
- e. City Clerk’s office and Animal Control will hold a licensing and Rabies Clinic on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 9am- 12pm at Fuller Learning Center

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Report of the City Solicitor

- a. Claims Committee Report

C. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution adopting amended Rules of Procedure of the City Council – Discussion and possible vote

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution in support of H5206 which would prohibit commercial vehicles from traveling on Route 114A between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts State line
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rodericks		

3. Resolution accepting Kettle Point Avenue as an improved street for maintenance and future improvement
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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.