

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Fogarty - Ward 3

Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

Assistant City Solicitor, Dylan Conley

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. Mary & Richard Small

B. Sewer Abatements

1. Jonathan Garris
2. Carlos Martins (MV LLC)
3. Thomas Riley Trustee, Riley Family Revocable Trust

C. Collective Bargaining 42-46-5(a)(2)  
 Firefighter Local 850 review and approval of 3-year collective bargaining agreement  
 based upon incorporation of prior ratified tentative agreement dated September 20, 2022

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 March 7, 2023
2. Executive session minutes March 7, 2023

**B. TAX ABATEMENTS**

Year	Amount
2018	\$337.39
Total	\$337.39

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

**A. Motion to bundle licenses C1-C5**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. Motion to approve licenses C1-C5**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Application for coin operated/video game - New  
Applicant: National Entertainment Network, LLC  
Business Name: National Entertainment Network, LLC  
Business Address: 1050 Willett Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Application for coin operated/video - New  
Applicant: National Entertainment Network, LLC  
Business Name: National Entertainment Network, LLC  
Business Address: 575 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Application for Tattoo Shop – New  
 Applicant: Mary Erin MacIntyre  
 Business Name: Shrine Tattoo Studios  
 Business Address: 68 Taunton Avenue, 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Application for license to solicit – New  
 Applicant: Joshua Richards  
 Business Name: Trashmo, LLC  
 Business Address: 166 Valley Street Bldg 6M Suite 103, Providence, RI 02909

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Block Party  
 Applicant: Brianna Venargro  
 Applicant Location: 31 Argyle Ave.  
 Date & Time of Function: July 1, 2023, 12:00pm to 11:00pm  
 Street to be closed: Argyle Avenue and Daisy Drive to President Avenue and Daisy Drive

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**B. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Sewer Rate Study Presentation – David Fox, Vice President, Raftelis

**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. Keep Metacomet Green request for a fiscal analysis to purchase Metacomet – Candy Seel

**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. Clarification of City Council meeting audio broadcast – Discussion Only – Council President Rodericks
2. Finance: A. Update on 2021 audit. B. Utilize Open Gov to include all city positions and the salaries attached to each position and include a section for capital projects progress– Discussion only – Councilman Lawson
3. Updates: A. Crescent Park Project B. Sabin Point reconfiguration of boat ramp to kayak launch – Discussion Only – Councilman Lawson
4. Plans for the remaining ARPA funds: A. Update on expenditures to date. B. Plans to allocate all funds before the deadline - Discussion Only – Councilman Lawson

**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: Sec. 18-269(b), to place a stop sign at Lyon Avenue and Mauran Avenue*  
*Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa*  
**\*\*To be heard at the April 4, 2023 Council meeting\*\***

**XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Appointment/Reappointments requiring Council Confirmation
  - a. Paul Moura, appointment to the Canvassing Authority – Appointment 1 - term 03/03/2023 to 03/01/2029

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Appointment/Reappointments not requiring Council Confirmation
  - a. John Faria, appointment to the Charter Review Commission – Mayoral appointment - term 03/14/2023 to 03/14/2031
  - b. Valerie Perry, appointment to the Charter Review Commission – Mayoral appointment - term 03/14/2023 to 03/14/2031
3. Items for announcement/discussion
  - a. Reminder that ceremony to celebrate our 2023 Remarkable Women will be held on April 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM, City Hall 145 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI
  - b. February capital, finance and expense reports – Finance Director Malcolm Moore

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

1. Report of the Assistant City Solicitor
  - a. Claims Committee Report
2. Review, discussion and final ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the Firefighter Local 850 and the City of East Providence Effective 11/1/2022-10/31/2025

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON**

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

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of six police vehicles for the Police Department  
*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution accepting the School Committee’s conveyance of the Oldham Elementary School located on Bullocks Point Avenue to the City of East Providence  
*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution in support of S-38 authorizing the Board of Licenses of the City of East Providence to consider the granting of a Class B Liquor License for 136 Taunton Avenue  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution in support of H-6026 which would enable the City of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments and motor vehicle tax payments  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution in support of H-5605 and S-240 which would allow the City of East Providence to adopt a new tax rate applicable to Class 2 Property that shall not exceed by two hundred percent (200%) the rate applicable to Class 1 property  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- F. Petition from Thomas Costa for rezoning of property located at 2876 Pawtucket Avenue (Map 309, Block 13, Parcel 1) from Residential-3 (R-3) to Commercial-2 (C-2) – referral to planning board for recommendation

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

1. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Utilities”  
*Summary: Section 17-183, sewer rates – option 1*  
*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
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Sousa		
Rodericks		



2. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Utilities”

*Summary: Section 17-183, sewer rates – option 2*

*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

## **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.