

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
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

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. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Excellence Daniel Rogers – Council Vice President Rego
2. Recognize Earth Day April 23, 2024 – Councilwoman Sousa
3. Acknowledgement of East Providence Cheer Team – Councilwoman Sousa

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Omsairam LLC d/b/a Rumford Motor Inn vs. City of East Providence
C.A. No. PC-2024-00413

2. Richard Kirby vs. City of East Providence
 C.A. No. PC-2019-6124
 Status Update

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty____ Lawson____ Rego____ Sousa ____ Rodericks____

VI. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

1. Add proposed meeting date July 9, 2024 to City Council Annual Calendar

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VIII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses

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. Special Event Class F1

Applicant: Braga Club / Terry Carvalho

Event: Holy Ghost Soups

Location: Sacred Heart Church 118 Taunton Ave E (02914)

Date and Time: April 20, 2024 6:00pm-11:300pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Special Event – Entertainment

Applicant: Tracy and Amberlynn Johnson

Event: Summer Solstice Market by Amber N Crystals

Location: Crescent Park 701 Bullocks Pt. (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Road Race

Applicant: Claire Akin on behalf of University Orthopedics

Race: Tomorrow Fund

Location: 1 Kettle Point Avenue (02915)

Date and Time: September 15, 2024 9am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		

Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Road Race

Applicant: Frazier Bell on behalf of AIDS Project RI

Race: APRI 5K

Location: Pierce Field 171 Fifth St (02914)

Date and Time: May 4, 2024 8:00am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Road Race

Applicant: Jason Paganelli on behalf of Narragansett Brewing

Race: True North

Location: East Bay Bike Path (02914)

Date and Time: May 12, 2024 9:00am-11:00am

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING-none

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

1. Appointment to the Recreation Board; Jody Richards – *Sponsor Councilman Lawson*

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Update on Charter Commission Summary to City Council – *discuss- Council President Rodericks*
2. Restaurant Week follow up – *discuss- Council Vice President Rego*
3. Receive report on Storefront Improvement Program – *discuss – Councilman Fogarty, Council Vice President Rego and Councilwoman Sousa*
4. Discussion on former Oldham building – *discuss – Councilman Lawson*
5. Request for update on Sabin Point boat ramp closure – *discuss - Councilman Lawson*
6. Discussion on moving speed camera revenue into a restricted account for school building maintenance and upgrades – *discuss- Councilman Lawson*
7. Discussion of appointing an independent financial advisor for the City Council – *discuss – Council Vice President Rego*
8. Update on Flock Cameras – *discuss – Councilwoman Sousa*

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

1. An Ordinance In Amendment Of The City Of East Providence 2010-2015 Comprehensive Plan Map 4 of the City of East Providence 2010-2015 Comprehensive Plan Update entitled “Southern East Providence Generalized Land Use,” is hereby amended to identify the property designated as Assessor’s Map 709, Block 1, Parcel 1 as “Mixed Use.”

Summary: Comp Plan
 Petitioner: JAG Properties LLC
 Street address: 0 Wampanoag Trail

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- 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 I-1 to C-2

Petitioner: JAG Properties LLC

Street address: 0 Wampanoag Trail

Location: Map 709, Block 1, Parcel 1

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Dir of Proj. Mgt. and Communications Patricia Resende.

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

- James Christopher Clancy, appointment to Personnel Hearing Board, Appointment 1, Term 12/7/2019- 12/6/2025.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Items for announcement/discussion

- Property Tax Sale Memo – Dir. Malcolm Moore
- National Walking Day Proclamation – April 3, 2024
- National Library Week & Library Workers Day – April 8-12th
- National Small Business Week – April 28th – May 4th

- National Autism Awareness Month – Month of April
- 2024 Arbor Day – April 26, 2024
- April 25 Tree Planting @ Riverside Middle School 10:30 AM with funds from \$750K federal grant

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Solicitors Report
2. Update on City of East Providence Capital Projects – Senior Planner Dominic Leonardo

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-Councilman Lawson

1. Groundbreaking for Martin Middle School

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Requesting The Synchronization Of Distribution Of Funds Pursuant To Rhode Island General Laws §44-34.1-2

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With JCJ Architecture For Professional Services For the Police Department Renovation Project

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Authorizing The Granting of A Temporary Construction Easement Over An Additional Portion of Land Owned By The City At Silver Spring Playground

Sponsorship: Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With Yard Works, Inc. For The Hull Street Playground Drainage Improvement Project
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa, Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Purchase A Hackney Spartan Rescue For The Fire Department
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

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 accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.