

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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. Commendation for Robert A. Good, RI Wrestling Hall of Fame – Council President Rodericks
2. Teacher of the Year for Whiteknact Elementary School, Paula Sarasin – 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. Richard E. Kirby vs. City of East Providence et. al.
C.A. No. PC-2019-6124

Discussion, vote, and approval of final settlement documents and authorization of execution of mutual release by Mayor

- 1. CLAIMS
 - 1. Jennifer Ricard
 - 2. Weixing Wang

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

A. Council Meeting Minutes

- 1. April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2. April 2, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
- 3. April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4. April 16, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

B. CALENDAR

- 1. Add Charter Commission Work_sessions Thursday June 13, 2024 , Thursday June 20, 2024 at 6:45pm

C. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Receive letter From : J. William Harsch & Assoc. re: Marshall Properties Application./Certificate of Completeness, Etc.
- 2. Notice of New Property Number, 28 Mowry Ave (02914), Map 305 Block 15 Parcel 006.00

D. LICENSES

- 1. Read In: Special Events One Day Entertainment
Applicant: Jose Sanchez Ortiz
Location 335 Newport Avenue
Date and Time: May 5, 2024

Type of Entertainment: DJ

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 F

Applicant: Ernest Watson on behalf of Crook Point Brewing

Event: Run Rhode Half Marathon

Location: 65 Massasoit Avenue

Date and Time: May 19, 2024 8:00am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Special Event – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Glenn Fagundes

Event: Holy Ghost Feast

Location: 146 Sutton Ave (02914)

Date and Time: May 24, 2024 6:00pm-10:00pm, May 25, 2024 6:00pm-10:00pm,
May 26, 2024 3:00pm-8:00pm

Type of Entertainment: feast/band

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Special Event – Class F

Applicant: Terry Carvalho

Event: Holy Ghost Dinner

Location: Braga Club

Date and Time: May 11, 2024 6:00pm-11:30 pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Special Event – Class F

Applicant: Terry Carvalho

Event: Holy Ghost Dinner

Location: Braga Club

Date and Time: May 18, 2024 6:00pm-11:30 pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Special Event – Class F

Applicant: Manuel Sousa

Event: Holy Ghost Beneficial Brotherhood Feast

Location: 51 North Phillips St (02914)

Date and Time: May 17, 2024 & May 18, 2024 - 6:00pm-11:00pm May 19, 2024
6:00pm-10:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Special Event – Entertainment

Applicant: Nina Guidaboni

Event: Igus Summer Party

Location: 257 Ferris Ave

Date and Time: June 8, 2024 2:00pm-7:00 pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Special Event – Class F1

Applicant: Nina Guidaboni

Event: Igus Summer Party

Location: 257 Ferris Ave

Date and Time: June 8, 2024 2:00pm-7:00 pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Hawkers- Face Painting

Applicant: Chrissy Rossi

Address: 87 Shore Road (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Hawkers- Handmade Flowers

Applicant: Maria Botelho

Address: 103 Walnut Street (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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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 - none

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Non functioning crosswalk signal lights Warren Ave & 7th St and Broadway at the fire station – discuss - Councilwoman Sousa
2. Hattie Ide Chaffee (Nursing Home/Rehabilitation Center) celebrates 75 years of service – Announcement – Councilwoman Sousa
3. Update on City Council Veterans Advisory Committee – Councilman Lawson
4. Discuss Noise Ordinance concerns Ferris Avenue – Discuss – Council Vice President Rego
5. Recap of Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting held on April 27, 2024 - Discuss – Councilman Lawson
6. Discussion of East Providence Small Business Promotion – Discuss- Council Vice President Rego
7. Discussion of Signage for Restaurant Week – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
8. Request update on all ARPA funded projects to include discussion of possible reallocation of unspent funds

A. Police Station

B. Clam Shack

C. Splash Pad

D. Placemaking

E. Bold Point Park

- F. Pierce Field
- G. Former Oldham building
- H. Utility Box Art Project
- J. Townie Pride Park
- K. Infrastructure

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

1. Outdoor Dining Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Amendments to language related to restaurants and fast food restaurants offering outdoor dining amending Sections 19-1 & 19-284 and Division XXII Entitled Outdoor Dining

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Hotel/Motel Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Amend the Use Table to modify the zoning districts in which hotels and motels are allowed and create a new special use permit criteria for hotels and motels amending Section 19-98 Schedule of Uses & Adding New Section 19-360.9 “Hotels and Motels”

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Staff; Patricia Resende.

1. Craig A. McManus, re-appointment to Economic Development Commission, Appointment 3, Term 05/20/2024- 05/19/2029.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Items for announcement/discussion

March FY 24 Finance Reports – Dir. Malcolm Moore

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

EMS Week

DPW Week

Police Officer/ Peace Officer Memorial Week

Jewish American Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

ALS Awareness Month

World Lupus Day

Teacher Appreciation Week

Skilled Nursing Care Week

50th Anniversary of CDBG

EDS –Ehlers Danlos Syndrome

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Solicitors Report

2. Report from Executive Session related to Richard E. Kirby vs. City of East Providence et. al. C.A. No. PC-2019-6124

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-Councilman Lawson

1. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Requesting The Office Of The Attorney General’s Nuisance Task Force To Undertake Investigation Of 400 Newport Avenue Aka The Rumford Motor Inn
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Requesting Full Funding Of State Educational Aid In The Fiscal Year 2025 Governor’s Budget
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Requesting the City Clerk To Publish A Request For Proposal For A City Council Financial Advisor
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a contract with P & G Irrigation for the Irrigation Improvements at Hull Street Field
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract With Automatic Temperature Controls for the Removal and Replacement of the HVAC System at Fuller Creative Learning Center

Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 2024-H8109 Relating to Taxation—Statewide Tangible Property Tax Exemption

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Lawson, Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Self-Contained Composting Toilet Building for Pierce Field

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island State Legislature Support Allocating Funding for Permanent Safety Barriers on Rhode Island's Bridges Over Narragansett Bay

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract With Hartford Paving for the Resurfacing of the Walking Path at Glenlyon Park

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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10. Resolution Requesting The Rhode Island Department Of Transportation To Prioritize Completion Of The Henderson Bridge Project And Increase Inspections
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

11. Resolution In Support Of 2024—H7082 Relating To Insurance--Nonprofit Dental Service Corporations—The Rhode Island Fair Share For Dental Care Act
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

12. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract For Construction Manager At Risk Services (Cmar) For The New East Providence Community Center
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**2. 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 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.