

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

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 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. Restaurant Week Raffle Drawing – Council Vice President Rego

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote –

1. READ IN

Special Event License – One day Entertainment

Applicant: Ryan McCauley

Event : Annual Block Party

Location: Weaver Library 41 Grove Ave (02914)

Date and time: June 17, 2024 4:00pm-7:00pm

2. COUNCIL JOURNALS

1. May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. May 7, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
3. May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. May 21, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
5. June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

3. ABATEMENTS

Year	Amount
2024	\$2018.24
Total	\$2018.24

4. COUNCIL CALENDAR

1. Move August 6 2024 meeting to August 7, 2024

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. One Day-Entertainment
 Applicant: Greg Dias
 Address: 57 Tryon Ave (02916)
 Date & Time: 2:00-10:00pm

Entertainment: DJ

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Special Event License – One day Entertainment

Applicant: Ryan McCauley

Event : Annual Block Party

Location: Weaver Library 41 Grove Ave (02914)

Date & Time: August 19, 2024 4:00pm-7:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. One Day of Event-Block Party

Applicant: Greg Dias

Date & Time: July 20, 2024 2:00pm-10:00pm

Address: 57 Tryon Ave (02916)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Mobile Food Est.

Application: John Fanelli

Business Address: 47 Barrett Rd (03048)

Business name: Fanelli Lemonade

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Mobile Food Est.

Application: John Fanelli

Business Address: 47 Barrett Rd (03048)

Business name: Ginas Fried Dough

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Mobile Food Est.

Application: John Fanelli

Business Address: 47 Barrett Rd (03048)

Business name: Fanelli Confections

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

10. Carnival/Circus

Application: John Fanelli

Business Address: 47 Barrett Rd (03048)

Kiddie Land Rides:8

Concessions: 4

Rides: 5

Location: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue

Date & Time: July 17, 2024 – July 21, 2024 Wednesday 6pm-10pm, Thursday 6pm-10pm, Friday 6pm-10pm, Saturday 1pm-10pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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11. Mobile Food Truck

Applicant: Ryan Moran

Business: Alainas

Business address: 343 Kingston Road (02892)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

12. Sunday Holidays

Applicant: Victor Farley

Business: Outsider Cooking Company LLC/Outsider

Address: 1055 S Broadway (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

13. Victualing-not more than 25

Applicant: Victor Farley

Business: Outsider Cooking Company LLC/Outsider

Address: 1055 S Broadway (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

14. Victualing-Transfer License

Previous : Jema Inc DBA Townies Feel Good Food

Transfer to: Shenouda Fahmy DBA Townies Feel Good Food

Address: 324 Waterman

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING-

1. Outdoor Liquor License – Class B
Applicant: Monique Oliviera
Business: Union Square Bistro LLC
Address: 332 Bullocks Point Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Outdoor Dance & Entertainment License
Applicant: Monique Oliviera
Business: Union Square Bistro LLC
Address: 332 Bullocks Point Ave Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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. Nancy Hale Indoor Public Swimming Pool, Workforce Development
2. Mickedda Barnes – Taxes/Disability American Disabilities Act related to tax exemptions

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. Timeline for Charter Commission Amendments – Council President Rodericks
2. Pierce Field installation of a batting cage at Amaral & Rodericks Little League Fields - discussion only -Council Vice President Rego
3. Re-allocation of Oldham School ARPA funds – discuss- Councilman Lawson
4. Statement on Crescent Park Concession Building Project / Municipal Beach Project – discuss – Councilman Lawson
5. Update on pedestrian light at Reynolds & Broadway – discuss Councilwoman Sousa
6. Review of City Hall Family Fun Night June 19, 2024– discuss – Council Vice President Rego
7. Street traffic and parking concerns at Purchase St – discuss – Councilwoman Sousa
8. City park maintenance – discuss – Councilwoman Sousa
9. East Providence Restaurant week – discuss – Councilwoman Sousa
10. Infrastructure improvements for citywide flooding issues; upgrade culverts – discuss – Councilwoman Sousa
11. Update on State Street / Abbott Street flooding remediation project and use of buildings for public safety training-discuss - Councilwoman Sousa
12. Appoint independent legal counsel for East Providence Charter Commission amendments – discuss – Councilwoman Sousa
13. Update on RFQ for On Call Financial Advisor – discuss - Councilwoman Sousa
14. Statement for Ordinance for Fourth Rescue – discuss – Council Vice President Rego

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

1. Ordinance Amending Ord. Chapter 911 Reallocating and Reappropriating up to \$3,000,000 formerly allocated toward a Community Recreation Center toward the former Oldham School Building for needed upgrades

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. No parking in select locations on Commercial Way
Summary: Sec 18-307

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Review, discuss and possible vote on suggested charter changes as recommended by East Providence Charter Commission as set forth in Exhibit A
2. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
3. Update on Fire Academy and Collective Bargaining for a Fourth Rescue as agreed upon with the Mayor on December 5, 2023 – receive update and discuss – Council Vice President Rego
4. Update on ARPA fund allocated projects, status of project, predicted timeline and financial status of encumbered and unencumbered allocated funds – Council Vice President Rego
 - A. Potter & Burgess Parking Lots
 - B. Pierce Field
 - C. Storefront Improvement Program
 - D. Community Center
 - E. Police Department
 - F. Crescent Park Concession Stand
 - G. Event Pad
 - H. Kent Heights
 - I. Art Utility Box Project
 - J. Bold Point Park
 - K. Oldham School Business Incubator
 - L. Oldham School physical building updates; roof, windows and doors
 - M. Placemaking- Citywide
 - N. Splash Pad- Riverside
 - O. Adaptive Playground Equipment

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Staff; Patricia Resende.

1. East Providence Community Center: Sam Bradner, Managing Partner, Peregrine LLC & Erik Andrutis, Senior Project Manager, Peregrine Group LLC
2. Recognizing Leonard Avenue as Harry “Hawk” Edmonds Way
3. May 2024 Finance Reports – Dir. Malcolm Moore
4. Cape Verdean Independence Day – Proclamation

5. Peruvian Independence Day – Proclamation

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. Glenlyon Field Fence Agreement – Solicitor Marcello
2. Dan Borges- Director of Public Works
Recommendation for Handicap Parking at 44 Cole Street

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Melissa Linhares Spurr- ARPA Project Manager – Oldham School

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-Councilman Lawson

1. Congratulations to the East Providence School Department
2. Thank you to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Forand
3. Thank you to teachers, administrators and staff of the East Providence Public Schools

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with CB Utility for the Warren Avenue and Highland Avenue Water Line Replacement Project
Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 81 Adopted January 9, 2024 to Reflect a Change in the Funding for the Installation of Carpet Tiles and LVT Flooring Throughout East Providence City Hall

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks & Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Self-Contained Composting Toilet Buildings for the Riverside Recreation Field, Kent Park and Hull Street Playground

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks, Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Seven Police Vehicles for the Police Department

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- Motion to reconsider Resolution No. 138 adopted on June 4th, 2024 related to the Oldham School as the site for the new recreation center and that all ARPA funds be moved to the Oldham site.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- Resolution To Honor Harry “Hawk” Edmonds By Recognizing Leonard Avenue As “Harry “Hawk” Edmonds Way”

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks & Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Dune Brothers, LLC To Operate The Loof Carousel Concession Stand

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-

1. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating Funds For The Full-Time Operation Of A Fourth Rescue

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. 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) Stop Sign - Fairview Avenue at Bloomfield Street and Bloomfield Street at Fairview Avenue

Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty

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.