

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-CITY COUNCIL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 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

City Solicitor, Dylan Connelly
City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Councilman Fogarty_____ Councilman Lawson_____ Council Vice President Rego_____
Councilwoman Sousa _____ Council President 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)

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Councilman Fogarty_____ Councilman Lawson_____ Council Vice President Rego_____
Councilwoman Sousa _____ Council President Rodericks_____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

VII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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-City Safety, School Zone Cameras & Budget

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

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

- 1. **An ordinance in the 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. 18-228 Right turns at certain red lights.

All vehicular traffic is prohibited from turning right on red at the following locations: Greenwood Avenue (eastbound) at the intersection of Newman Avenue.

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		

Council President Rodericks		
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2. An ordinance of 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 sub-section b. “Stop and yield intersections designated;”
Luther Avenue (westbound traffic) at Rockaway Street*

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

3. An ordinance in the 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 Stop and yield intersections.

All vehicular traffic is to stop

Location: Bishop Avenue (eastbound & westbound) at Barney Street.

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

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

*Summary: Section 1. Division 4 entitled “Use Regulations” of Article III
entitled “Sanitary Sewer System” of Chapter 17.*

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		

Council President Rodericks		
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5. An ordinance of amendment of Chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Utilities”

Summary: Section 17-76 entitled “Definitions” of Article III entitled “Sanitary Sewer System” of Chapter 17.

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

6. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$450,000 to update road (ground surface) landscape and public access to the boat ramps, lighting and parking for trailers at Bold Point Park and John Lewis Waterfront Park.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

7. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$50,000 for a citywide utility box art project.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

8. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$1,000,000 for funding of the Crescent Park Concession Project and Event Tent Project.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

9. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$1,000,000 for the former Oldham School building on Bullocks Point Avenue.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

10. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$550,000 to replace the walking track at Pierce Field football stadium.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

11. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$200,000 for a splashpad in Riverside.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		

Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

12. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$450,000 for improvements to Townie Pride Park.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

13. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$5,000,000 for needed improvements to the infrastructure of sewers and drains citywide.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Co-Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty & Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

14. An ordinance of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$400,000 to the planning department for the storefront improvement program.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

15. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$550,000 for placemaking throughout the city.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

16. An ordinance of the council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$500,000 for adaptive playground equipment for the city’s special needs population.

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

Sponsor: Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

Link to the Mayors presented FY24 budget, printed copies are available in the Clerks office:

<https://stories.opengov.com/eastprovidenceri/published/veWMfZIm14u>

a. Workshop – Discussion Only

1. City Government

- City Council
- Mayor’s Office
- City Clerk
- Law

- **Canvassing***
2. City Operations
 - Finance Controls & Accounts
 - Tax Collection
 - Tax Assessment
 - **Human Resources ***
 - **EEOC/Affirmative Action ***
 - **Information Technology ***
 - Miscellaneous
 - Debt Service
 - Capital
 3. Community Development
 - **Planning & Economic Development***
 4. Community Services
 - Recreation
 - Pierce Stadium
 - Carousel
 - Library
 - Senior Center
 5. Public Works
 - Public Works Director
 - Building Inspection
 - Engineering
 - Highway/Parks
 - Streetlights
 - Refuse Disposal
 - Public Buildings
 - Central Garage
 6. Public Safety
 - **Police Department***
 - **Animal Shelter***
 - **Harbormaster***
 - **Fire Department ***
 - **Public Safety Communications***
 7. Enterprise Fund
 - Wastewater Pollution Control
 - Water Utilities

*intended to be discussed

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of an F150 responder in the amount of \$66,329.75 for the police department.**

Sponsor: President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- 2. A resolution reinforcing the relevance of the access to public records act.**

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. An ordinance in the amendment of Chapter 18 of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"**

Summary: removal of No Parking, Troughton Place

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks and Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- 2. An ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating up to \$2,500,000 toward the renovation of the East Providence police station located at 750 Waterman Avenue**

Summary: to be funded from Federal ARPA funds.

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

- 3. 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: Sec 17-206 (Division 2) Stormwater Utility District

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Councilman Fogarty		
Councilman Lawson		
Council Vice President Rego		
Councilwoman Sousa		
Council President Rodericks		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 401.435.7590 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

