

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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>

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Rumford Little League – Council Vice President Rego

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

SEWER ABATEMENT:

1. Julie Bailey
2. Laura Dalomba
3. John Moniz
4. Lucia Tavares

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty _____ Lawson _____ Rego _____ Sousa _____ Rodericks _____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote –

1. Discussion of second August meeting

2. TAX ABATEMENTS:

Year	Amount
2007	\$942.42
2008	\$975.11
2009	\$1009.12
2023	\$288.12
2024	\$58,352.22
Total	\$61,567.22

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. Road Race

Applicant: Gary Menissian

Organization: Ocean State Multisport

Location: Pierce Field Mercer St (02914)

Date & Time: June 1, 2025 6:00am-12:00pm, September 7, 2025 6:00am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Oscar Pozuelos

Event: Multicultural Soccer Event

Location: Pierce Field Mercer St (02914)

Date & Time: 10:00am-9:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Special Events - One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Jessica Mayette / East End Theatre and Performing Arts

Event: Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Location: 1336 Pawtucket Ave. (02914)

Date & Time: October 26, 2024, 2:00pm-6:30pm, October 12, 2024, 10:00am-4:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Event: Car Show with Cruisin Bruce

Location: 187 N Brow (02914)

Date & Time: August 18, 2024 12:00pm-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Special Event – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Pam Byrd

Event: Peace Love Judah Jam Festival

Location: 251 Central Avenue (02914)

Date & Time: September 14, 2024, 11:00am-5:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Albi Curti
Event: Gathering Grounds Coffeehouse
Location: 610 Waterman Avenue (02914)
Date & Time: September 13, 2024-September 19, 2024 6:00pm-9:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Rob Armstrong
Event: Sundae Food Truck Event
Location: 187 N Brow St (02914)
Date & Time: August 11, 2024, 4:00pm-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: David O’Connell
Event: Looff Arts Festival
Location: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue (02915)
Date & Time: August 10, 2024, 9am-6:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Special Events- One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Jill Seppa on behalf of City Council
Event: Crescent Park Concert
Location: 700 Bullocks Point Avenue (02915)
Date & Time: September 14, 2024 4:30pm-6:30pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

10. Special Event Alcohol – Class F

Applicant: Oscar Pozuelos

Event: Multicultural Soccer Event

Location: Pierce Stadium, Mercer St (02914)

Date & Time: August 11, 2024 10:00am-9:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

11. Special Event Alcohol – Class F

Applicant: Jessica Mayette

Event: Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Location: 1336 Pawtucket Avenue (02916)

Date & Time: October 26, 2024, 11:00am-6:30pm, October 12, 2024, 2:30pm-6:30pm, October 6, 2024, 11:00am-6:30pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

12. Mobile Food Establishment

Applicant: Amy Sufi

Business: Maria Maria Coffee Bar

Business Address: 47 Wood Ave, Barrington RI

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

13. Special Events – Food Truck

Applicant: Rob Armstrong

Event: Sundae Food Truck Event

Location: 187 N Brow St (02914)

Date & Time: August 11, 2024, 12:00pm-8:00pm, August 18, 2024, 12:00pm-8:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

14. Sundays & Holidays

Applicant: Daniel Viera

Business: KPOT-Korean BBQ & Hotpot

Location: 1925 Pawtucket Avenue (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

15. Victualing

Applicant: Daniel Viera

Business: KPOT-Korean BBQ & Hotpot

Location: 1925 Pawtucket Avenue (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Dance and Entertainment

Applicant: Lucy Fontaine

Business: BPO Elks

Address: 60 Berkley Street (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Liquor License-Class C saloon

Applicant: Thomas Allen

Business: Myrtlebank, LLC, DBA Myrtle

Address: 132-134 Waterman Ave. (02914)

Location of Service: Expansion of service area to include backyard area and from small horse trailer bar

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Liquor License – Class B

Applicant: Daniel Viera

Business: KPOT – Korean BBQ & Hotpot

Address: 1925 Pawtucket Ave (02914)

Location of Service: Bar and restaurant tableside

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Liquor License- Class BV-Limited

Applicant: Monica Gillespie

Business: Dune Brothers Seafood

Location: 684 Bullocks Point Ave (02915)
Location of Service: Designated seating area

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Liquor License-Class C

Applicant: Susan Loporchio

Business: Met Links Golf

Address: 500 Veterans Memorial Park

Location of Service: Golf course service and operation with alcohol consumption on the course

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.

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. Request for update on contamination testing on material pulled from Kent Heights and placed in Riverside- Discuss- Councilman Lawson

2. Councilman Lawson statement on Crescent Park Project; Concession Stand and Event Tent-discuss-Councilman Lawson
3. Inquiry on July 30, 2024, for the total number of full time employees required to run a full time fourth rescue for East Providence – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
4. Storefront Improvement Grant current applicant and awardee overview requested July 30, 2024 – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
5. Review of receipts of Storefront Improvement Grant awardee follow up from June 28, 2024 – discuss – Council Vice President Rego
6. Request to clean sidewalks along the Forbes St Landfill-discuss- Councilman Lawson
7. Requesting a projected operating budget for the community center, July 18, 2024 – discuss – Council Vice President Rego

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for final passage - For discussion and possible vote-none

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
2. Update on Fire Academy and Collective Bargaining for a Fourth Rescue as agreed upon with the Mayor on December 5, 2023 and placed on the docket June 25, 2024– receive update and discuss – Council Vice President Rego
3. Update on, status of project and predicted timeline– 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-

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

Robert Gagnon, appointment to Planning Board, citywide 2, 1/16/24 — 1/15/29

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

Ashley Rozes, appointment to Zoning Board of Review, Seat 3, 6/5/2024 — 6/4/2029

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Items for announcement/discussion

1. June 2024 finance and capital reports
2. Proclamations — Never Give Up Day, Indian Independence Day, Puerto Rico Constitution Day, Gastroparesis Day, Disability Pride Month

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS-

1. City Solicitor

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-

1. City Council assisting with school building capital projects-discussion- Councilman Rick Lawson

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a New Rescue for the Fire Department (*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract Renewal with Zobrio for the City's Accounting Software (*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Use AtMed Treatment Center to Perform Annual Hazmat Physicals and Cancer Screenings for the Fire Department
(Sponsor: Council President Rodericks)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds from the Live Nation Recreation Fund for the End of Summer Concert at Crescent Park (Sponsor: Council President Rodericks)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Replacement Gear for the Fire Department from MES Shipman's Fire Equipment Co. (Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Change Order with Johnson Landscaping, Inc. for Additional Work for the Kent Heights Recreational Facility Improvements Project (Sponsor: Councilman Fogarty)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Patrick J. McKenna Roofing, Inc. for the Replacement of Portions of the Roof at the Former Oldham Elementary School (*Sponsor: Councilman Lawson*)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Jones Fish Hatcheries & Distributors LLC D/B/A Water & Wetland for Water Chestnut Abatement for Central Pond and Turner Reservoir (*Sponsor: Council VP Rego*)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

9. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Peregrine Group for Phase II of the Project Management and Advisory Services for a New Community Center (*Sponsor: Council President Rodericks*)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - 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: Subsection (b) of Sec. 18-269

Bishop Avenue (northbound & southbound) at Pavilion Avenue

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego

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.