

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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

City Council:

Council President, Robert Britto - Ward 1
Council Vice-President: Bob Rodericks - At Large
Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2
Councilman Nate Cahoon - Ward 3
Councilman Ricardo Mourato - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
Deputy City Clerk, Leah Stoddard

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

II. **SALUTE TO FLAG**

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

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

1. Claims and Sewer Charge Abatements

- New Claims
 - Nationwide General Ins. Co.
 - Janae Perez

- Sewer Charge Abatements
 - Richard Silva

2. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Keep Metacomet Green, Inc. vs. City of East Providence and Metacomet Property LLC, C.A. No. PC-2021-5412. Update on service of process and City's response.

3. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2)(5) - Proposed settlement of all litigation and terms of acquisition of property related to streetlights within the City of East Providence

4. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(4) Any investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct related to statements of the City Clerk concerning Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and procedure as stated during Public Comment at the 08/17/21 City Council meeting – Assistant City Solicitor Dylan

IV. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINTUES

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

V. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A) **COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes August 17, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

2. Tax Abatements

Year	Amount
2021	\$776.32
Total	\$776.32

VI. **LICENSES**

A. **NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **One Day Entertainment Licenses**

Applicant: Brian Dietsch

Location: 101 Williams Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Date & Time of Function: 10/06/2021 from 4:30 p.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Type of Entertainment: personal sound system/radio

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

2. **Pool Table – Transfer**

Transfer from: T&T's 133 Club Inc.

Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.

Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

3. Application for Holiday Sales

Applicant: John Cardosi Jr.

Business: 133 Club Inc.

Address: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

4. Application for Dance/Entertainment License - Transfer

Transfer from: T&T's 133 Club Inc.

Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.

Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

5. Application for Victualing License – Class 1, Transfer

Transfer from: Anthony Andreozi & Teresa Andreozi, T & T's 133 Club Inc.

29 Warren Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914

Transfer to: John Cardosi Jr., The 133 Club Inc.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1) BV License – Transfer

Transfer from: T&T's 133 Club Inc.

Transfer to: The 133 Club Inc.

Location: 29 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

VII. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS - None

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Update on traffic Mountain Avenue – Discussion only

Councilman Cahoon

2. Update on East Providence High School – Discussion only

Councilman Cahoon

3. ADA Compliance – Discussion only

Councilman Mourato

4. ADA Community Meeting September 23, 2021 at Weaver Library – Discussion only

Councilman Mourato

5. Update on investigation of the City Clerk Samantha Burnett communication from the August 17, 2021 Council meeting – Discussion only

Councilman Mourato

6. Request to rescind Scorpio Towing application for wrecking/towing license

Sec. 8 - 523 – Vote

Councilman Mourato

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

XI. PUBLIC HEARING - None

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. Items for announcement/discussion

- Mayor’s Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget – Mayor to read FY22 proposed budget address (Mayor Bob DaSilva)
- Executive order 2021-014 – August 23, 2021 Declaration of state and municipal emergency (Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves)
- Presentation to inform the public ad Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2021 funds allocation & process (Dave Bachrach, Community Development Office)
- Police Recruitment. The East Providence Police Dept. is recruiting new officers and certified/lateral officers. Deadline for applications is Dept. 17, 2021. (Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves)
- East Providence Fire Dept. has been recognized and approved by the American Heart Association as 2021 Mission Lifeline Gold for implementing specific quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks (Chief Quick)

B) REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. DPW Director, Dan Borges

- Handicapped Parking Request – 38 Baker Street

Requested by Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

2. Report of the City Solicitor

- Claims Committee Report
- Other executive session matters as listed under III

C) REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – None

D) RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution declaring September 7, 2021 to be Dr. Richard Greco Day

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

2. Resolution regarding the disposition of the City of East Providence's interest in Tax Assessor's Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20 located between and near Lynn Avenue and Vineland Avenue

Sponsor: Council President Britto

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a motorcycle and five police vehicles for the police department.

Sponsor: Council Vice President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

E) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – First passage

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 18 - 307 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, RI, 1998, as amended, entitled “vehicles and traffic,” moving the stop sign from the south side of the street to the north side.

Sponsor: Councilman Mourato

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Rodericks		
Britto		
Mourato		
Sousa		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

August 31, 2021

Robert Britto
Council President
East Providence City Council
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: Mayor Communications & Docket items – Sept. 7, 2021 Docket

Dear Council President Britto and Members of the Council,
Please see information Mayor Communications and requests of the Administration before the Council:

Mayor Communications: Dir. Of Administration Napoleon Gonsalves

1. **Appointment requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
2. **Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
3. **Items for announcement/discussion**
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4. Requests of the Administration before the Council for Council Action

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- Resolution regarding the disposition of the City of East Providence's interest in Tax Assessor's Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20 located between and near Lynn Avenue and Vineland Avenue. – Sponsor – Council President Robert Britto (Legal will send)

Sincerely,


Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

August 23, 2021

East Providence City Council
Attn: Council President Robert Britto
East Providence City Hall
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02809

Re: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Dear Council President Britto and Honorable Council Members,

In accordance with Section 5-3 of the East Providence Home Rule Charter, I am pleased to submit the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2022 budget. This budget was prepared in the midst of a pandemic while keeping in mind that East Providence needs to address some of the challenges of and the response to the pandemic.

The City of East Providence will be receiving approximately \$28 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds while the School Department will be receiving \$12 million in federal funds to help in addressing the needs of the community and recovery due to the pandemic.

Last year, while crafting the 2021 fiscal budget, we had to address the economic and social disruption caused by COVID-19, while keeping expenditures and staffing to a minimum. In fact, a total of 12 positions either went unfunded or unfilled.

In crafting this year's budget, the administration sought to minimize a tax increase to our residents, because of the hardships they had to endure during this pandemic. The administration is happy to present a budget with a minimal proposed city increase of \$848,510 (.779 percent). The School Department also proposed a minimal increase to its budget of \$639,639 (.587 percent).

The overall increase, however, will be further reduced to zero on the city side should we receive additional federal grant funding for our fire department in which case this budget will have a total tax increase of .587 percent over last year.

This budget fully funds our police department, adds an additional rescue to Station 3 in Rumford and increases fire personnel. This budget also keeps our residents and businesses safe, our city service levels high, our infrastructure in repair, and our parks and recreational facilities maintained, beautiful and enjoyable.

The proposed fiscal 2022 budget recommends General Fund expenditures of \$177,570,346 million, an \$8,208,328 million increase (4.8 percent) over last year's spending. Of the total General Fund expenditure increase, city operating expenditures increased by \$6,586,079 million (8.1 percent), city funding of the school department rose by \$1,622,249 (1.8 percent).

East Providence's proposed fiscal 2022 General Fund operating budget reflects tight fiscal management with a commitment to continue supporting our residents during these unprecedented times.

Most of the city's \$8.2 million operating expenditure increases are for the high school bond, increase in school funding, positions filled with ARPA funds, additional police and fire pension contribution, and contractual raises. The following six items represent the majority of the overall increase:

1. The line item for high school bond has been increased by approximately \$2.85 million. The school will be substantially complete by September 1, 2021. Thanks to the efforts of the East Providence School Building Committee, the city will be reimbursed 74 percent through the construction aid program sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Education. The aid is distributed based on the State of Rhode Island's fiscal year after substantial completion, which is the City of East Providence's fiscal year 2022.
2. The School Department budget has increased \$1,622,249 million. Of that increase, the School Department is requesting from the city an additional \$639,639 (1.26 percent).
3. In preparing last year's fiscal budget, the administration did not fill a number of full-time positions because of the uncertainty of the economic impact of the pandemic. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allows municipalities to use federal funds to fund positions that were previously unfilled due to the pandemic.

The administration has identified in this budget, 12 full-time employee (FTE) positions and some part-time positions totaling \$985,000, which will be paid through ARPA funds through fiscal year 2026.

This funding will enable us to fully fund the East Providence Police Department at 103 sworn-personnel and 12 public safety communications personnel. In addition, this funding will also enable us to fund four laborer positions in the East Providence Dept. of Public Works, two positions in the East Providence Library, and one position in the East Providence Planning and Economic Development Dept.

4. We are budgeting \$848,510 as a placeholder in anticipation of being awarded a federal SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant. The city has submitted a

SAFER grant application in the amount of \$7.3 million over three years (from the time of the award). This grant will enable the East Providence Fire Dept. to hire an additional 24 firefighters. As a result, this will enable the city to staff a fourth, full-time rescue at Station 3 in Rumford. We anticipate being notified in September 2021 as to whether we are awarded this grant. Should we be awarded the grant, the \$848,510 will be funded through said grant reducing the tax increase by .779 percent, bringing the total increase in this budget to a mere .587 percent.

5. Our police and fire Annual Required Contributions (ARC) to the pension increased a combined \$1.37 million mainly due to this administration's decision to follow the actuary's recommendation. The City of East Providence will also be an adopter of a more conservative mortality table than what previously used to ensure that future generations in East Providence are not unfairly burdened.

6. City regular base salaries and other compensation are budgeted to increase by approximately \$1.3 million. The increase is associated with projected salary increases for all personnel.

Our proposed fiscal year 2022 budget calls for a \$2.8 million investment in capital. The city has fully funded its reserve requirements required by the City Charter under Sec. 5-15 and we are allocating the required one percent (1 percent) of anticipated operating fund revenue along with past excess operating surpluses to fund this proposed budget's capital. Additionally, the city has identified capital projects that may be funded through alternative funding sources such as ARPA/federal grants/asset forfeiture. The city had historically underfunded capital that created and contributed to bad roads, broken equipment, deteriorated infrastructure, and unusable parks and recreational facilities.

We are determined to not repeat the shortcomings of the past. Our city needs to constantly upgrade its capital assets to provide the best services and quality of life for its residents and visitors. All of our capital requests are detailed in a separate budget section.

To fund the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget, we are requesting a tax rate that is approximately 1.366 percent higher than the current rate. That increase could be as low as .587 percent should we receive the SAFER federal grant for our fire department.

For the average East Providence single-family homeowner with a property valuation of \$232,000, our proposed property tax increase will add approximately \$59 to homeowners' property tax.

As this administration submits its proposed fiscal year 2022 budget, I would like to review some of the positive financial achievements that occurred during fiscal year 2021:

- We have built the new high school on time and under budget. The city saw dramatic savings from the original projections. The final cost to the city was reduced by almost \$50 million. This was done through additional energy efficiencies and lower interest rates. More savings were derived by financing \$24 million through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and issuing less bonds than projected. This all resulted in \$2.5 million annual savings for the city.

- The city will receive approximately \$28 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used to: re-staff municipal employees, support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts, replace lost public sector revenue as well as invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and capital. The School Department is slated to receive \$12 million in federal funds.
- We have fulfilled our commitment to fully meet all ARC pension contributions for our MERS and our Police/Fire pension plans. Additionally, the City of East Providence has a trust fund balance of approximately \$28.6 million for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), which is way beyond what the state requires, and well ahead of most other Rhode Island municipalities. Our commitment to OPEB and pension funding will help to ensure East Providence's fiscal health for future generations.
- In continuing our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city has received an additional \$650,000 from FEMA for COVID-19 related costs.
- Our Fire Department received \$834,000 in FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant to train, certify, and provide licensing for 25 members of the East Providence Fire department to provide the highest level of care to our residents.

We have accomplished great things in fiscal year 2021 across all of our departments and our proposed fiscal year 2022 budget reflects our commitment to continue this progress. Here are some of the projects that city departments have helped to move forward:

- A Comprehensive Plan RFP was issued in early 2020 and the plan effort is well underway. The process is expected to be complete by winter. Community workshops will be scheduled for September and October of 2021. The areas to be reviewed include housing, transportation, recreation, land use policy among other community issues.
- After many years of inactivity, the city now is part of tourism bureau. This will enable the city to access more than \$500,000 in funding to develop a robust campaign to promote local attractions and businesses.
- The City of East Providence has established the first-ever Arts District in the city. This will exempt artists that live within this area from state income taxes, which should encourage residential development in the District. A public art campaign has been funded, which will include sculptures and a mural located in Watchemoket Square.
- New, digital way finding signage will be installed in the fall of 2021, which will further promote businesses and tourist attractions in these areas.
- The city has adopted innovative mixed-use overlay districts to jumpstart redevelopment in older commercial corridors. This legislation allows for flexible zoning of vacant buildings and encourages innovative reuse of vacant properties. These overlay districts include Warren, Taunton, Waterman and Bullocks Point Avenues.
- This past year the city has ushered in an urban forestry program. Several of the city's notable trees were formally recognized as Tree Champions for its species. A tree-planting program began in the spring of 2021 and will continue in the fall. For the first time in its history, the city hosted the Rhode Island Arbor Day ceremony at Hull Street Park. As part this event the Rhode Island Tree Council planted more than \$10,000 worth of trees at the park. In May, 2021 the city planted an additional 14 trees on the grounds of Whiteknact School, which was funded by a \$20,000 grant from TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation. Lastly, a Tree Inventory is underway in partnership with the EP Urban

Forest group. As a result of these activities, East Providence regained its designation as a Tree City USA.

- Riverside Downtown Revitalization Planning Project is kicking off in September. Students from Roger Williams University will be working in partnership with the City of East Providence, GrowSmart RI, Riverside residents, and community groups to support multiple planning efforts. The students will conduct a planning study and cultural resources survey in Riverside to assess the existing economic, social, and physical conditions of the community.
- Several stalled development projects, which sat untouched for decades, are now fully permitted and construction is expected to begin in 2021. These include Wampanoag Meadows, a 400-unit residential development and a mixed-use development on Newport Avenue, which includes 142-apartment units along with retail uses.
- The Residences at Bold Point has completed its Phase I redevelopment of an abandoned auto repair shop. This initial phase includes 22 apartments while phase two will include an additional 12 units. Additional residential developments nearing completion include Circle Drive, Kettle Point townhouses and apartments.
- A new residential construction project is expected on a vacant lot on Waterman Avenue by the end of 2021.
- New residential construction will provide much need affordable housing including 13 units at Ivy Place, 16 units at the former VAMCO site in Riverside and the renovation of 36 units at Sutton Avenue. As part of these projects, the city has formed strong partnerships with experienced community development organizations that have a proven track record of providing quality housing.
- After more than 10 years of being dormant, the Platt Watters parcels are being transformed into 11 lots for new homes in our community. Three of these parcels will be designated as affordable housing sites for six families.
- These new housing units will improve the city's aging housing stock. More than 84 percent of the city's existing housing was built prior to 1980 and nearly 40 percent prior to 1940.
- The city is working closely with a regional developer, the Governor's Office and our congressional delegation to make East Providence play an important role in the emerging offshore wind industry. This plan will finally put the 40-year South Quay in productive use.
- A brownfield site located on Dexter Road is now home to a 6,000-panel solar array that produces clean energy for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). This use will also allow the property to undergo environmental remediation that will allow the site to be redeveloped.
- Many formerly vacant industrial properties are now occupied by commercial and manufacturing companies. These sites include Future Foam and Independent Pipe on Almeida Way as well as Nexcans located on Narragansett Park Drive.
- PACE RI now occupies more than 60,000 square feet at 10 Tripps Lane while bringing more than 100 jobs to East Providence.
- Phillipsdale Landing has undergone a complete transformation. The property was nearly vacant when new owners acquired the property seven years ago, but that property is now nearly 100 percent occupied. Notable businesses at the mill site include Amaral Custom Fabrications, Enotap, ArkWood reclaimed products and We Share Hope.

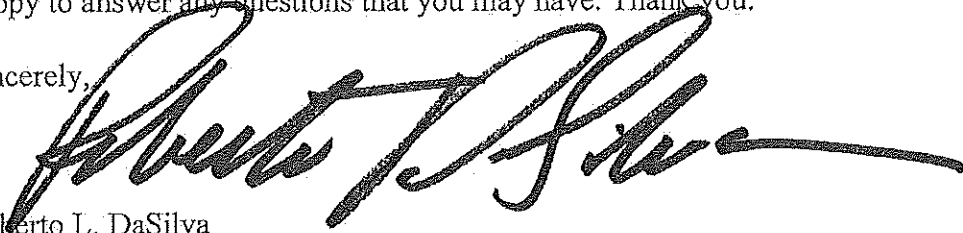
- The site of the former Ocean State Steel facility is being proposed for a large residential development, which also includes a walking trail with public access to the Seekonk River and Omega Pond. A kayak launch is also planned for this site. The East Pointe project will consist of 380 residential units including 10 percent affordable units within the development.
- The city has made significant investments in many neighborhood parks including: Pierce Field, Grassy Plains Park and Central Avenue.
- The addition of a new Splash Pad at Pierce Field
- Additional improvements are planned for Riverside Recreation field, Kettle Point Park and Sabin Point.
- A new, 600-foot public pier was donated to the city as part of the Kettle Point development.
- An informational video was produced to showcase many of the city's hiking trails and open space parcels.
- Improvements to the bike path at Riverside Square will be completed by the fall of 2021.
- The city continues to support local businesses during the pandemic. It was the first community in the state to offer emergency loans to city businesses.
- Additionally, the city secured Take it Outside Grants from Commerce RI, which benefited many local businesses.
- The city has entered into an agreement with RISE Engineering to replace city street lights with high-efficiency LEDs.
- As the pandemic receded the city provided financial support from its Commercial Loan program to two new food and beverage venues. Crook Point Brewery and Honey Bird Kitchen were both approved to receive loans and are expected to open this fall. These businesses will be located in an area primed for redevelopment as the Henderson Bridge Project will greatly enhance the accessibility to Massasoit Avenue and Waterfront Drive.

This proposed budget continues to keep us on track to ensure that East Providence remains the place where people want to live, work, play, and learn.

We have accomplished a lot during the past year, but we can do even more to enhance the lives of our residents and the success of our city businesses. The pandemic has slowed us down, but it has not defeated us. East Providence's best is yet to come, and this proposed fiscal year 2022 budget is the beginning of that journey.

The Administration looks forward to the workshops and hearings on this proposal, and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Roberto L. DaSilva

Mayor



*City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor*

DECLARATION OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-014
AUGUST 23, 2021

DECLARATION OF STATE OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States government declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island declared its own State of Emergency on March 9, 2020, which has been extended at various times by the Governor, the most recent extension having been issued on August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 ("Delta-variant") is now sweeping the nation and has become the dominant strain in the State of Rhode Island and in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Delta variant has become prevalent in our community and poses a direct threat to the continued health and safety of our residents and our city employees; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant is more than twice as contagious as recent variants, and 3 to 4 times more contagious than the original COVID-19 strain, leading to a significant transmission among unvaccinated individuals as well as to breakthrough infections among some fully-vaccinated people; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of face masks as recommended by the Center for Diseases Control helps control the spread of the Delta variant virus; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the Home Rule Charter of the City of East Providence Article III, Section 3-5(9), permit the Mayor to declare a State of Municipal Emergency for the purpose of taking action to protect the health, safety and security of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12(b) and 30-15-9(e)(1) permit the Mayor to suspend the provisions of any statute, regulation, or requirement prescribing the procedures for the conduct of city business, or the orders, rules, regulations of any city, board, or agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

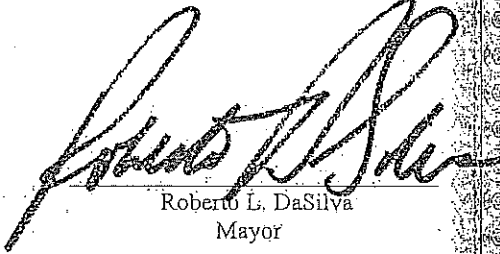
WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-9(e)(3) and (7), and 30-15-12(b), permit the Mayor to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of City departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; to control ingress and egress to and from high-risk areas, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and to take the appropriate measure for the protection of health, safety, and welfare of the people of the city/town and to prevent or minimize the loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of East Providence, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the City of East Providence, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. A state of municipal emergency is hereby declared for the City of East Providence due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and the Delta variant.
2. All employees of the City of East Providence shall wear masks while working for the City in all City buildings and offices regardless of their individual vaccination status when interacting with the public or coworkers and while driving in city-owned vehicles with passengers.
3. Upon entering any City building or indoor facility, all members of the public above the age of (2) two shall be required to wear facial covering/mask unless exempted by health reasons.
4. All City departments are required to have masks available for members of the public who may not have them when entering City buildings or facilities.
5. City residents are strongly encouraged to curtail visiting City Hall or other municipal offices to conduct non-essential business and to utilize the City's website to conduct routine business.

Roberto DaSilva

So Ordered:



Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

A FORCE FOR ALL

join the

EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Starting salary
\$57,644.56 - \$68,862.86*

16-24 vacation
days per year

15 sick days
per year

13 Paid holidays & 3
personal days per year

Full college tuition
reimbursement

Ample overtime & paid
detail opportunities

Gym membership
reimbursement

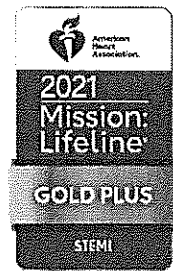
Blue Cross Blue Shield
HealthMate Coast-to-Coast

Great private pension Opening on all shifts

**Lateral salary is dependent on years
of prior service*

New Recruits / certified officers (laterals)

www.policeapp.com



City of East Providence
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2021

CONTACT INFO. :

Capt. John Potvin
Dir. of Emergency Medical Services
(401) 639-0762
jpotvin@eastprovidenceri.gov

East Providence Fire Dept. earns national recognition for efforts to improve STEMI treatment

The American Heart Association presents Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Achievement Award for implementation of quality care for severe heart attack patients

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The East Providence Fire Dept. has received the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience a ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack caused by blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it’s critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks – starting from when 9-1-1 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Optimal care for heart attack patients takes coordination between the individual hospital, EMS and healthcare system.

“EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks,” said Tim Henry, M.D., chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. “Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can save precious minutes of

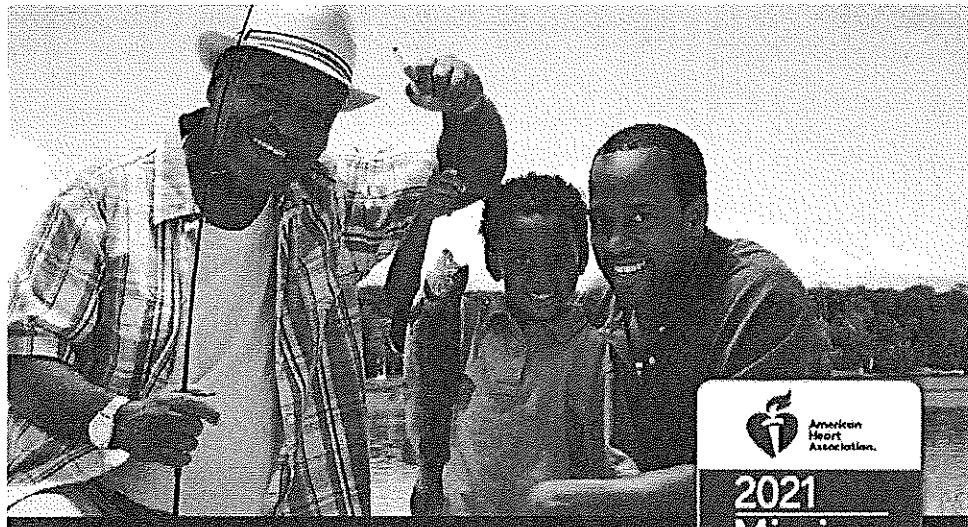
treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals to an incoming heart attack patient.”

Program participants apply for the award recognition by demonstrating how their organization has committed to improving quality care for STEMI patients.

“East Providence Fire Department is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to providing optimal care for heart attack patients,” Director of Emergency Medical Services Capt. John Potvin said. “The Mission: Lifeline program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis so patients have the best possible chance of survival.”

About Mission: Lifeline

The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® program helps hospitals and emergency medical services develop systems of care that follow proven standards and procedures for acute coronary syndrome patients. The program works by mobilizing teams across the continuum of care to implement American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology clinical treatment guidelines. For more information, visit heart.org.

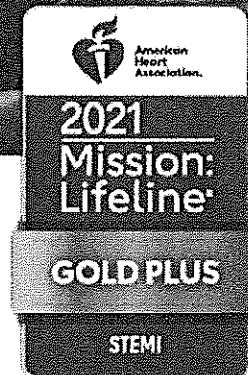


PREPARED FOR YOUR MOMENT OF NEED.

Every second counts in a crisis. That's why we prepare in advance for when you need us the most. We participate in the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® cardiac care program, which establishes high standards for coordinating care among hospitals, EMS providers and others.

We've been recognized for adhering to the program's scientifically based guidelines for heart attack care. **Your moment of need is our time to shine.**

The American Heart Association recognizes this EMS provider for attaining 75% or higher performance on each applicable Mission: Lifeline® EMS Achievement Measure and the PLUS measure for a consecutive 24-month interval to improve the quality of care for STEMI patients. The American Heart Association does not endorse the products or services of the EMS provider recognized in this advertisement.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 TO BE
DR. RICHARD GRECO DAY**

WHEREAS, Richard Germano Greco was born on September 11, 1941, in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the prestigious Boston Latin School, Richard completed his undergraduate degree at Tufts University and continued on to earn his M.D. at Tufts University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, following medical school, Dr. Greco enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1968 where he served for three years in Boston; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Richard and his beloved wife, Ruth Monahan, moved to Rumford, Rhode Island to join Pediatric Associates; and

WHEREAS, following his 15 year tenure there, Dr. Greco opened Riverside Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Greco's time at Riverside Pediatrics, he serves as the attending physician at the Tavares Pediatric Center in Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's, Dr. Greco published Parents Pediatric Report with his colleagues Dr. Dominick Indindoli and Dr. Linda Tartell, a newsletter about children's health that reached more than 3000 subscriptions at its peak; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greco practiced at Riverside Pediatrics for 28 years until his retirement in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, though retired, Dr. Greco continues to be an attending physician on the Pediatric Unit at Butler Hospital, where he has worked for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, though Richard loved caring for thousands of children and continues to love his career in medicine, his true has always been his family.

WHEREAS, Richard's love and devotion to his late wife, Ruth, were insurmountable; they were married for 49 years before Ruth's untimely passing in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Richard is very proud of his two sons, Gregory and Daniel, their spouses, Lauren and Erin, and his grandson Benjamin; and

WHEREAS, Richard has served the greater Rumford community with pride, integrity, and dedication and embodies the statement of the East Providence official seal, *Pro Bono Publico (for the greater good)*; and

WHEREAS, as a kind and generous man, father, husband, friend, and neighbor, Richard enriches the lives of those around him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Providence hereby declares September 11, 2021, to be Richard Greco Day.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted by City Council: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Britto

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution regarding the disposition of the City of East Providence's interest in Tax Assessor's Map 305, Block 8, Parcel 20 located between and near Lynn Avenue and Vineland Avenue

WHEREAS, On or about August 31, 2020, the East Providence Planning Board granted a Master and Preliminary Plan Approval with conditions regarding the above identified property; and

WHEREAS, One of the conditions requires the applicant to convey an area of land to the City; and

WHEREAS, One of the conditions requires the applicant to convey a hammer head to the City.

WHEREFORE, It is hereby resolved that the City Council for the City of East Providence authorizes the Mayor of the City of East Providence to accept the subject area and hammerhead once the Planning Department and/or Department of Public Works confirms that all other conditions of the August 31, 2020 Master and Preliminary Plan Approval have been met and the subject area and hammerhead have been completed and conform to all applicable standards and regulations.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, RI

Introduced by: Council President Britto

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTORCYCLE AND FIVE POLICE VEHICLES FOR
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the East Providence Police Department has requested to purchase a motorcycle and five (5) police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the motorcycle and police vehicles will be \$322,594.00 and the purchase will be made through the Greater Boston Police Council bid contract; and

WHEREAS, the City will be using the East Providence Police Department asset forfeiture funding further known as Google funds to complete the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of East Providence hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of East Providence to purchase the motorcycle and police cruisers in the amount of \$322,594.00 through the Greater Boston Police Council.

Adopted by the City Council: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council Vice President Rodericks

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

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”

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. Section 18-307 entitled “Parking prohibited at all times” of Article X entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” of Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” is amended to read as follows:

Sunset Avenue (~~south~~ north side) from Bullocks Point Avenue to Providence Avenue

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Councilman Mourato