

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2026

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/UC0YEW6s1RpjcKR47VMil1LA>

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, Andreza (Andy) Skipworth

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty _____ Lawson _____ Rego _____ Sousa _____ Rodericks _____

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- A. Review, discussion, and possible vote to ratify collective bargaining agreement with East Providence Paraprofessional Association and the East Providence School Department pursuant to section 10-4 of the East Providence Home Rule Charter. (Dr. Forand)
- B. Review, discussion, and possible vote to ratify tentative agreements with IBPO #569 for period of Nov 1, 2025, through October 31, 2029 (Solicitor and Chief of Police.)

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

MOTION RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Informational presentation. This is an opportunity to share preliminary ideas from our consultants and state partners with the city council and public—no votes are necessary or will be taken. The presentation will be led by Quinn Molloy from Toole Design Group and Joshua O'Neill, Supervising Planner with the RI Division of Statewide Planning, with an introduction by Director of Planning Keith Brynes

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes January 6, 2026

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**A. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Event – One Day Alcoholic License
Applicant: Rita Vargas
Business Name: St. Francis Xavier Church
Location of Event: 160 Orchard Street, East Providence
Date & Time: 2/1/2026; 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
2. Type of License – New Business (Coffee Shop/Lounge)
Applicant: Keith Viveiros
Business Name: Society Coffee Bar, Inc
Business Location: 500 North Broadway, East Providence
3. Type of License – New Business (Restaurant)/Class 1 Victualing
Applicant: Atty. Marc Gertsacov/Linming Zhan
Business Name: KHP Providence LLC dba Kpot Korean BBQ & Hot Pot
Business Location: 1925 Pawtucket Avenue, 7B, East Providence

C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Type of License – New Liquor License/Class B Victualing
Applicant: Marc Gertsacov
Business Name: KHP Providence LLC dba Kpot Korean BBQ & Hot Pot
Business Location: 1925 Pawtucket Avenue, Unit 7B, East Providence

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. 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.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

All persons wishing to make public comments 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.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - NONE

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a. Request to add a rodent control specialist to the staffing at Department of Public Works. Councilman Lawson
- b. Update of stop sign on Ferris and David St. Council Vice President Rego
- c. Update on construction of East Providence Community Center enter. Council Vice President Rego
- d. Status of Rumford Little League Challenger Program Kimberly Ann/Rock Field. Council Vice President Rego
- e. Narragansett Community Choice Electricity Aggregation. Council Vice President Rego
- f. Request for information Planning/Zoning/Building Departments related to the number of applications for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) received by the City after passage of Zoning Ordinance allowing ADU on parcels of 5000 square feet or larger. Council Vice President Rego
- g. Conditions of Newport Ave. Council Vice President Rego
- h. Odor complaints from the Bucklin Point Plant. Council Vice President Rego
- i. Ward 2 Round Table Talk Monthly Meetings. Councilwoman Sousa
- j. Littering and dog waste Ordinance and Enforcement. Councilwoman Sousa
- k. Speed calming measures for multiple area along Mauran Ave & Juniper St. Councilwoman Sousa
- l. Update on consultant report and plans to address ongoing pedestrian crossing signal devices issues. Councilwoman Sousa
- m. Parking conditions on Dover Avenue at the intersection with Warren Avenue and recommendations for improvements. Councilman Fogarty
- n. Discussion on city hall security. Council President Rodericks

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second and final passage
for discussion and possible vote**

1. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amendment to Sec. 8-31(b) regarding repealing holiday sales licenses. Introduced by Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Director of Policy & Constituent Services, Andre Herrera

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

- Appointment of Phillip I Tirrell to the Planning Board for a (5) year term effective 1/16/2026 – 1/15/2031
- Reappointment of Maria Luci Stoddard to the Board of Assessment Review for a (6) year term effective 12/17/2025 – 12/16/2031

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation

- NONE

3. Items for announcement/discussion

- NONE

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- City Solicitor Michael J. Marcello reporting on:

1. Report on East Providence Paraprofessional Association and the East Providence School Department and
2. Reporting on the tentative agreements with IBPO #569 (As listed under the executive session)

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson

- NONE

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a proposal with Bill Lizotte Architectural Glass & Aluminum Inc. for the replacement of the exterior windows at Weaver Library. Sponsored by Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a LRAD speaker (long range acoustic device) for the police department. Sponsored by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rego		
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Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. An ordinance amendment of Chapter 16 of revised ordinance of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998 as amended, entitled, “taxation” adding Article XI. Exemption for Live/Workspace Deed Restricted Properties. Introduced by Council Vice President Rego.

Member	Aye	Nay
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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”.

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 by adding thereto the following:

Dover Avenue (west side) from Warren Avenue southerly for 250 feet.

SECTION II. 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:

Dover Avenue (both ~~east~~ sides) from Warren Avenue southerly for 50 ~~100~~ feet.
Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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