

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
**DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025**

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 - NONE**

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

A. Steve Brosnihan – Good Night Lights Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Sponsored by Council President Rodericks

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote**

**A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		

Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote**

**C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Type of Business: Marketing store/retail  
 Applicant: Robert Baptista III  
 Business Name: Vibes & Stuff, LLC  
 Address: 515 Warren Avenue

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

**VII. 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.*

**XIII. 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.*

**IX. APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Appointment of Nathan Wesley Cahoon to the East Providence Public Library Trustees. This is a 3-year term ending 1/7/2028. Sponsored by Council President Rodericks, Councilman Fogarty

**X. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- A. Discussion and possible vote to advertise the hiring of a Part Time Administrative Assistant/ Paralegal for City Council. Sponsored by Councilwoman Sousa

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

- A. 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: Ordinance Sec. 18-307 entitled “parking prohibited at all times” School St. (NS) from Potter St. to Purchase St. Sponsored by: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- B. Ordinance of the Council of the city of Eat Providence, Rhode Island appropriating \$552,100 from the East Providence School Dept. Capital Improvement Revolving Fund. Summary: to allocate \$552,100 from the fund for approved RI Dept. of Education capital for safety improvements at Whiteknact, Orlo Avenue, Silver Spring and Myron J. Francis elementary schools. Introduced by: Councilman Lawson & Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible vote of earned accumulated comp time by former City Clerk. Sponsor(s): Council Vice President Rego, Councilwoman Sousa, Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Items for announcement/discussion
  - A. Steven Brosnihan Proclamation
  - B. Washington Bridge Small Business Grants – Update
  - C. Martin Luther King Day Celebration – Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS - NONE**

**C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON - NONE**

**D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote**

- 1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a police mutual aid agreement between the City of East Providence and the Town of Barrington, Town of Bristol and Town of Warren. Sponsored by Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- 2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase four post vehicle lifts for the Department of Public Works central garage division. Sponsored by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- 3. Resolution amending the East Providence City Council Crescent Park Carousel Commission. Summary: Resolution increases the member of the commission from 9 to 11 members and other updates to its purpose and authority. Sponsored by Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

- Resolution requesting the state traffic commission install appropriate traffic control devices at or near 127 waterman avenue to 134 waterman avenue. Sponsored by Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote**

- 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. 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, by adding a new section 18-317 which set municipal parking lot regulations and signage. Introduced by: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

- 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 18-11 entitled “traffic fines” of article I entitled “in general” of chapter 18 of the is amended by adding thereto the following: For violation of municipal parking lot regulations ordinance (plus towing and storage charges, if any) \$60.00. Introduced by: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye		Nay
Fogarty			
Lawson			
Rego			
Sousa			

Rodericks			
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3. 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 18-307 entitled "Parking prohibited at all times" of Article X entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking" is amended by adding thereto the following: Ivy Street (west side) for a distance of 40 feet from the intersection of Waterman Avenue. Introduced by: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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