

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 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:

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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. SHOW CAUSE HEARING - The following businesses are subject to a hearing for their
allege failure to obtain the appropriate license as indicated.

A. Business Licenses

1. Dune Brothers - 684 Bullocks Point, East Providence, RI (Victualling)
Needed Information: RI Dept of Health, Building and Fire, Tangible Taxes, License Fee.
2. Brazilian Family Market, 1024 South Broadway, East Providence
Needed Information: Fire Inspection
3. Popeye's, 40 Newport Avenue, East Providence, RI
Needed Information: Tangible Taxes 1Q 2024 and 3Q 2025
4. Jeff's Pizza, 27 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI (Victualling)
Needed information: Building Inspection; Fire Inspection, License Fee 100.00

B. Alcohol License

1. Holy Ghost Beneficial Brotherhood of RI, 51 North Phillips Street, East Providence, RI **Needed Information:** Certificate of Good Standing-RI Department of Taxation
2. Contenders Sports Bar, LLC, 535 North Broadway, East Providence, RI **Needed Information:** Certificate of Good Standing – RI Department of Taxation
3. Town Liquor LLC, 179 Newport Avenue, East Providence, RI **Need Information:** Certificate of Good Standing – RI Department of Taxation

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - NONE

IV. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

V. **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

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

A. **COUNCIL JOURNALS:**

1. Regular meeting minutes 1-27-2026

B. **LETTERS:**

1. New Address 8 Linden Avenue, E. Providence, RI, 02916, Map 403, Block 21, Parcel 055.10, Zoning R3

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

A. **NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES C1 – C5

1. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License (Arts Festival)
Applicant: Michelle Perry
Business Name: East Providence Arts Council
Address: 700 Bullocks Pt Avenue, East Providence, RI
Date & Time: 8/8/2026; 7am - 5pm

2. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License (DJ - Fundraiser Cancer Patient)
Applicant: Lucy Fontaine
Business Name: East Providence Elks Lodge 2337 BPO
Address: 60 Berkeley Street, East Providence
Date & Time: 2/21/2026; 12pm-8pm

3. Special Event – Block Party Application/Food Truck Event
Applicant: Michelle Perry
Business Name: East Providence Arts Council
Location of Event: 700 Bullocks Pt, East Providence
Date & Time: 8/8/2026; 7am – 8pm (rain date – 8/9/2026)

4. Type of License: New Business License (Auto Sales)
Applicant: Penny Quigley (LJE Property Holdings LLC)
Business Name: TAG EAST Providence dba Tasca Nissan East Providence
Address: 845 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI

5. Type of License: New Business License/Sun & Hol/Victualing
Applicant: Dennis A Rodriguez
Business Name: Inprogress Nutrition LLC dba Honey's Cafe
Address: 1086 Willett Avenue, Unit 6, Riverside, RI

C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES C1 – C5

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Type of License: Liquor License (Class B-Victualling)
Applicant: Keith Viveiros (Ace Investments LLC)
Business Name: Society Coffee Bar, Inc.
Address: 50 North Broadway, East Providence, RI

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
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Rodericks		

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

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a) EP City Council Veteran Advisory Committee Hometown Hero banner initiative announcement. Councilman Lawson
- b) Request for update on cell service issues around Crescent Park. Councilman Lawson
- c) Community Choice Electricity Aggregation. Council Vice President Rego
- d) Ward 2 Round Table Talk Monthly Meetings. Councilwoman Sousa
- e) Update on consultant report and plans to address ongoing pedestrian crossing signal devices issues. Councilwoman Sousa
- f) The effect of AI on local tax base. Council Vice President Rego

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for second and final passage for discussion and possible vote - NONE

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation
 - Reappointment of Wayne Barnes to the Conservation Commission for a (3) year term effective 1/2/2026 – 1/1/2029
 - Reappointment of John Carney to the Conservation Commission for a (3) year term effective 1/2/2026 – 1/1/2029

2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation
 - None
3. Items for announcement/discussion
 - Proclamation honoring Human Resource Analyst III, Joan Kazarian upon her retirement after nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the City of East Providence
 - Proclamation honoring February as “Black History Month” in the City of East Providence
 - Proclamation honoring February as “Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of East Providence

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson

- NONE

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

1. An ordinance in amendment of chapter 16 of the Revised ordinances of the city of east providence, Rhode island, 1998, as amended, entitled “taxation” SECTION I. Subsection (b)(1) of Section 16-16 entitled “Authority of city assessor” of Article II entitled “Property Exemption for Veterans and Persons 65 Years of Age and Older” is amended to update the following property tax exemptions based on the most recent revaluation as follows:

Exemption Category	Assessment Amount
Veteran/Widow	\$8,250.00 14,340.00
Disabled 100% Service Connected	\$16,460.00 28,600.00
1% to 30% Veteran's Administration Disability Rating	\$10,725.00 18,635.00
31% to 60% Veteran's Administration Disability Rating	\$13,200.00 22,935.00
61% to 99% Veteran's Administration Disability Rating	\$15,675.00 27,235.00
Veteran's Modified Housing	\$16,460.00 28,600.00
Prisoner of War	\$15,000.00 17,590.00

Member	Aye	Nay
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Rego		
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Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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