

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 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/UC0YEW6s1RpicKR47VMil1LA>

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)

1. Ocatvio Cunha – RM No. 24-076 & 24-083, Claim No. 24-035 & 24-037

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

RECONVENE TO OPEN 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. St Margaret Girls Grammar Champs

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. March 4, 2025, Regular Meeting
2. March 4, 2025, Executive Session

B. LETTERS

1. Notice of new property number – 25 Orange St., Rumford, RI 02916, Map 302, Block 04, Parcel 001.10
2. Notice of new property number – 27 Orange St., Rumford, RI, 02916, Map 302, Block 04, Parcel 001.00

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. 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. Type of Business: New Message Therapy
Applicant: Taylor Addressi
Business Name: The Message Fairy
Address: 1240 Pawtucket Ave, Rumford

2. Type of Business: Hawker Firework Retailer (dba Keystone Fireworks Tents)
Applicant: Alex Mutzabaugh
Business Name: Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC
Location: 40 Highland Avenue, East
Duration: 6/23/2025 thru July 5, 2025

3. Type of Business: One Day Block Party Truck Event
Applicant: Jennifer Champlin
Business Name: UOI Kettle Point LLC
Address: 1 Kettle Point Avenue
Date & Time: 4/23/2025; 11am – 1:30pm

4. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Michelle Perry
Business Name: East Providence Arts Council
Address: 684-700 Bullocks Pt. Ave
Date & Time: 8/9/2025; 8am – 6pm

5. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Meredith Bonds-Haarmon
Business Name: East Providence Library Foundation

Address: 41 Grove Avenue
Date & Time: 7/11/25; 3pm – 11pm

PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

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 - NONE

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Request for the city to move forward with laying the pad and purchasing the event tent for Crescent Park; Update on the concession/storage/office building project and Councilman Lawson
2. Request for update on the feasibility study of the former Oldham and request to schedule a meeting at the school for the public to tour the building and add their input to the feasibility study. Councilman Lawson
3. Union Primary complex neighborhood complaints. Vice President Rego

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

1. An ordinance in amendment 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: Washington Avenue (east side), from a point 260 feet north of Bullocks Point Ave northerly 30 feet. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		

Rodericks		
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XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS – Patricia Resende

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

a) Jerome Roystino Spinola appointment to Canvassing Authority, Appointment 3, Term 3/2/24- 3/1/30

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation

a) Kelly Parlin appointment to Mayor’s Advisory Council on LGBTQA+ Affairs, Seat 2, Term 5/1/24-4/30/25

b) Bob O’Neil appointment to Mayor’s Advisory Council on LGBTQA+ Affairs, Seat 1, Term 5/1/24-/4/30/25

c) Daniel Corria reappointment to Affirmative Action, Seat 8, Term 5/2/24 - 5/1/26

d) Angie Lovegrove reappointment to Affirmative Action, Seat Personnel Board Designee, Term 4/20/23 – 4/20/25

e) Carole Brown reappointment to Affirmative Action, Seat 1, Term 7/24/24 – 7/23/26

f) Alan Maynard reappointment to Affirmative Action, Seat 7, Term 2/11/25- 2/10/27

g) Bryan Del Santo reappointment to Affirmative Action, Seat 3, Term 10-2-24 - 10/1/26

3. Items for announcement/discussion

a) March 2025 Social Worker Month Proclamation

b) Retirement of Chief Chris Francesconi; Retirement of Deputy Chief Barry Ramer

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON

1. Update regarding the March 11, 2025, school committee meeting

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Requesting The General Assembly Reinstate General Revenue Sharing To Cities And Towns. Introduced by Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution requesting adjustments to school traffic cameras. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty. Introduced by Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution authorizing the granting of an easement to the Narragansett Electric Company for the installation of gas service at Martin Middle School. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for phase I of the sanitary sewer evaluation study. Introduced by Councilman Fogarty

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase forty-five (45) portable radios for the police department. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

**E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote -
NONE**

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.