

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 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:
<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. 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,

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 February 17, 2026

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. 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 Entertainment License (DJ)
 Applicant: Katia Reyes
 Type of Event: Traveling Farmers Market
 Business Name: Farm Fresh Rhode Island
 Event Address: 150 Amaral Street, East Providence
 Date & Time: 3/19/2026; 6pm – 9pm

2. Type of License: Victualing
 Applicant: Hamdan Ahmad
 Type of Business: Frozen Yogurt Shop
 Business Name: 16 Handles
 Location: 350 N. Broadway, East Providence, RI

3. Type of License: Victualing,
 Type of Business: Ice Cream Shop
 Applicant: Kelly Ireland
 Business Name: Tizzy Ks LLC dba Tizzy K’s Cereal Ice Cream
 Location: 45 Newport Avenue, 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: Alcohol Class B Victualler
 Type of Business: Cafe
 Applicant: Kevin Matos
 Business Name: Matos Café and Mercado Inc dba Matos Cafe and Mercado
 Location: 227-233 Warren Avenue, East Providence

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Matthew Shumate to the East Providence Waterfront District Commission (4) year term effective 3/3/2026 – 3/2/2030. Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Blizzard of 2026 Recap. Council President Rodericks
2. Community Choice Electricity Aggregation. Council Vice President Rego
3. A discussion request for \$2500.00 for the Macoia Pow-Wow dated Sunday, July 12, 2026 at Crescent Park. Funds to be requested from the City Council Public Celebration account. Council Vice President Rego
4. A discussion to request up to \$3000.00 to fund the city’s EP 250 Website. Council Vice President Rego
5. Update on Crescent Park Projects-bathrooms, building, event tent. Councilman Lawson
6. Hometown Heroes Banners. Councilman Lawson

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

1. Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence allocating an additional \$94,000 to complete the planned paving and related site improvements at John Lewis Park. Introduced by Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence allocating an additional \$486,710 for the construction of a police substation and recreation storage facility at Pierce Memorial Stadium. Introduced by Council president Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIII. CONTINUED BUSINESS - NONE

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

- Appointment of Errol Danehy to the Juvenile Hearing Board for a (3) year term effective 3/3/2026 – 3/2/2029
2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation
 - None
 3. Items for announcement/discussion
 - Update from the City on the Blizzard of 2026
 - Proclamation honoring March as “Irish American Heritage Month” in the City of East Providence
 - Proclamation honoring “International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month” in the City of East Providence
 - Proclamation honoring the “205th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day” in the City of East Providence
 - Proclamation honoring March as “Social Work Month” in the City of East Providence

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON – Councilman Lawson

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Dubon Masonry Construction, LLC for the Construction of a Police Substation and Recreation Storage Facility at Pierce Memorial Stadium (Council President Rodericks, Council VP Rego)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Authorizing the Granting of an Easement to Install an Electric Distribution System for the new East Providence Community Center (Council President Rodericks)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution requesting the expenditure of funds from the City Council Public Celebrations' account to support the Macoia pow-wow. Council Vice President Rego

Member	Aye	Nay
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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
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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