

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 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)

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) Discussion concerning the lease of real property related to a modification of a prior lease agreement and/or easement with the Wolf School Inc 215 Ferris Avenue entered into on 11/14/2020 for the location of a transformer and dumpster on City owned property.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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MOTION RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

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MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes April 21, 2026

B. LETTERS

1. New Address: 97 Burgess Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914, Map 016, Block 11, Parcel 006.00

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License (Braga Club Feast)
Applicant: Armando Medeiros

Business Name: Braga Brotherhood
Address: 26 Teofilo Braga Way, East Providence
Date & Time: 7/10 - 12/26; 6pm – 12am

2. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License (Braga Club 5th Dominga)
Applicant: Armando Medeiros
Business Name: Sacred Hert Church
Address: 116-118 Taunton Avenue, East Providence
Date & Time: 5/9/26; 6pm – 12am
3. Special Event – One Day Special License (Backyard 5K)
Applicant: Reilly Johnston
Business Name: St. Brendans Church
Address: 60 Turner Avenue, Riverside
Date & Time: 7/25/26; 5:30pm – 8:30pm
4. Special Event – One Day Special (Block Party)
Applicant: Tracy Johnson
Business Name: City of East Providence
Address: Crescent Park, East Providence
Date & Time: 5/16/26; 12pm – 3pm
5. One Day Alcohol License
Applicant: Armando Medeiros
Business Name: Sacred Heart Church
Address: 118 Taunton Avenue, East Providence
Date & Time: 5/9/26; 6pm -12am
6. One Day Alcohol License (3-day event)
Applicant: Armando Medeiros
Business Name: Theophilo Braga Brotherhood
Address: 26 Teofil Braga Way, East Providence
Date & Time: 7/10/26 - 12/26; 6pm – 12am
7. One Day Alcohol License
Applicant: Sandra Mello
Business Name: Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity
Address: 59 Britghtridge Avenue, East Providence, RI
Date & Time: 5/9/26; 1pm – 12am
8. Type of License: New Business Mobile Truck (Variety of Foods)
Applicant: Robert Cloutier
Business Name: PCTA Good Eats & Treats
Owner's Location: 41 Fricker Street, Providence, RI

9. Type of License: New Business Mobile Truck (Soft Pretzels)

Applicant: Gina Ferrara

Business Name: GG's Pretzels

Owner's Location: 606 Metacom Avenue, Warren, RI

10. Type of License: New Business Mobile Truck (savory & Sweet)

Applicant: Briana Jones

Business Name: Central Falls School District dba A Taste of Central Falls

Owner's Location: 10 Higginson Avenue, Central Falls, RI

11. Type of License: New Business Mobile Truck (Lemonade)

Applicant: Savanna Gouveia

Business Name: Pretty in Pink

Owner's Location: 94 Potters Avenue, Providence, RI

B. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

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C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES

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D. 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

1. Appointment of Julie Harrington to the City Council Crescent Park Carousel Commission. This is a 4-year term 5/5/2026 – 5/6/2030. Councilman Fogarty

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. SAGE Environmental Inc.’s public meeting notice Metacomet Property LLC. Regarding objectives of environmental cleanup scheduled for May 12, 2026, at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers. Councilwoman Sousa
2. Update on Gatekeeper School Bus Stop-Arm Violation Enforcement Program. Council President Rodericks
3. Request for update regarding Oldham School on Bullocks Point. Councilman Lawson
4. Update on Sabin Point storm water pipe project and kayak launch. Councilman Lawson
5. City permit fees for renovations of homes and businesses. Council Vice President Rego
6. Request for update on Crescent Park project. Councilman Lawson
7. RIPTA Bike to Work Month Flyer. Council Vice President Rego
8. Capital improvement budget balance and outstanding projects/ purchases. Councilwoman Sousa
9. FY 2025 end of budget report & 2026 mid-year budget standing. Councilwoman Sousa
10. Charter Commission recommendations Council review schedule. Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego
11. Illegal dumping at the intersection of New Road and Pawtucket Avenue. Council Vice President Rego

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

1. 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” adding Sec. 18-318 entitled "parking of unregistered vehicles" (Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego)

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2. An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled nuisances” amending subsection (C) of Section 10-29 entitled "removal; notice to owner" (Council Fogarty)

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XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

A. Business Licenses

1. Subway – 1086 Willett Avenue, Riverside, RI
 Needed Information: RI Dept of Health, Building and Fire, Victualling

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation

- Re-appointment of Gary Pascoa to the Zoning Board of Review for a (5) year term effective 1/4/2025 through 1/3/2030.

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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- Re-appointment of Michael Beauparlant to the Zoning Board of Review for a (5) year term effective 6/3/2025 through 6/2/2030.

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- Appointment of Brenda Lee Lister to the Zoning Board of Review for a (5) year term effective 6/5/2024 through 6/4/2029.

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2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation

- None

3. Items for announcement/discussion

- Update on citywide sewer infrastructure improvements.
- Proclamation recognizing May 3 – May 9, 2026, as “Small Business Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders (HSD) Awareness Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 10, 2026, as “World Lupus Day” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 10 – May 16, 2026, as “National Skilled Nursing Care Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “Jewish American Heritage Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 17 – May 23, 2026, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “ALS Awareness Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “Mental Health Awareness Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 10 – May 16, 2026, as “National Police Week” in the City of East Providence and May 15, 2026, as “National Peace Officers Memorial Day.”

- Proclamation recognizing May 4 – May 8, 2026, as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 17 – May 23, 2026, as “National Emergency Medical Services Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 3 – May 9, 2026, as “Municipal Clerks Week” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “Community Action Month” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2026, as “National Military Appreciation Month” in the City of East Providence.

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

1. C.A. No. SU-2024-0127-A PACE Organization of Rhode Island V. Sarah Frew, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the City of East Providence. Update on final decision from RI Supreme Court. City Solicitor Michael J. Marcello

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 Beta Group Inc. for Planning and Engineering Services Associated with the Safe Streets and Roads for All Supplemental Action Plan for the Six Corners Area (Council President Rodericks & Council Vice President Rego)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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2. Resolution Adopting the East Providence Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan (Council President Rodericks & Council Vice President Rego)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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- Resolution Authorizing Approval of Change Orders for the East Providence Wastewater Treatment Facility Concrete Lining Project in the amount of \$551,327.26 (Council President Rodericks)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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E. 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, "amending Chapter 18, Article XIV entitled "Bicycles" to include the regulation of electric bikes and enforcement provisions for same (Council President Rodericks)

| Member | Aye | Nay |
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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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POSTED: 5/1/2026

