

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 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. City Council to meet to approve or deny a sewer abatement for 77 Allen Avenue
based on City Ordinance Section 17-183.

01 MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

MOTION RECONVENE INTO REGULAR 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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote

A. COUNCIL JOURNALS:

1. Regular meeting minutes July 7, 2026; July 28, 2026

B. CANCELLATIONS/ABATEMENTS

YEAR		AMOUNT
2026		\$26,172.64
TOTAL		<u>\$26,172.64</u>

C. LETTERS:

1. Notice of New Property Numbers

- a. 240 Becker Avenue, E. Providence, RI 02915, Map 513, Block 32, Parcel 001.10
- b. 26 Spring Street, E. Providence, RI 02915, Map 513, block 49, Parcel 001.10
- c. 23 Padelford Avenue, E. Providence, RI 02915m, Map 311, Block 12, Parcel 013.10

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VI. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Tara Machado
Type of Event: Labor Day Party – Live Band
Event Address: 79 Narragansett Avenue, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/6/26; 5:30pm – 10pm
2. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Michelle Cooper
Type of Event: Prayer Gathering w/ Solo Musician
Event Address: 555 Waterfront Drive, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/17/26; 8am – 3pm
3. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Keith Anderson
Type of Event: Narragansett Terrace, Jetty (Acoustic Guitar)
Event Address: 102 Riverside Drive, East Providence
Date & Time: 8/29/26; 2pm – 5pm
4. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Pam Byrd (Trinity Tabernacle Inc.)
Type of Event: Community Festival
Event Address: 251 Central Avenue, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/13/26; 11am – 5pm
5. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Deborah Sears
Type of Event: Sears Wedding (Computer Generated Music)
Event Address: 56 Euclid Avenue, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/12/26; 4pm – 12am

6. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Lucy Fontaine
Type of Event: Family Fun Day - Children
Event Address: 60 Berkley Street, E. Providence
Date & Time: 8/22/2026; 12pm – 4pm
7. Special Event – One Day Entertainment License
Applicant: Lisa Cabral
Type of Event: Ocean Grove End of Summer Family Gathering
Event Address: 99 Howland Avenue, E. Providence
Date & Time: 8/29/2026; 3pm – 8pm
8. Type of Business: Block Party/Food Truck Event
Applicant: Natalie Karneeb
Business Name: Cowtruck
Owner's Location: 151 N. Brow Street, E. Providence
Event Location: 187 N. Brow Street, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/6/2026; 3pm – 7pm
9. Special Event Alcoholic License
Applicant: Deborah Sears
Type of Event: Sears Wedding
Event Address: 56 Euclid Avenue, E. Providence
Date & Time: 9/12/2026; 4pm – 11pm
10. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment
Applicant: Arthur Evans
Business Name: South County Barbeque
Owner's Location: 615 Condgon Hill Road, Saunderstown, RI
11. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment (**READ IN ONLY**)
Applicant: Gerardo Orellana
Business Name: A & E FS LLC
Owner's Location: 83 Parnell Street, Providence, RI
12. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment (**READ IN ONLY**)
Applicant: Christine Holden
Business Name: Dukes Chicken and Waffles
Owner's Location: 615 Condgon Hill Road, Saunderstown, RI
13. Type of Business: New Mobile Food Establishment (READ IN ONLY)
Applicant: Martika Fana
Business Name: Cassava LLC

Owner's Location: 282 Webster Avenue, Providence, RI

B. MOTION TO BUNDLE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES A1 – A13

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. MOTION TO APPROVE NON-PUBLIC HEARING LICENSES A1 – A13

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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.

- a. Nancy E. Hale – Discussion on Nancy's Volunteer Report (Progress in Riverside)
- b. Robert A. Yuski – Fire Ordinance requiring 30ft from any structure.
- c. Paul Rodrigues – Police detail employment.

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 Christopher Michael Bessette to the City Council Crescent Park Carousel Commission. Seat term ends 1/5/2027. Councilman Lawson

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Review of APRA funds outstanding. Councilwoman Sousa
2. Review of Capital Improvements YTD (current FY 2026 budget unencumbered fund) (Total YTD balance of Capital Funds). Councilwoman Sousa
3. Traffic pattern signage at Weaver Library and upgrade to parking lot. Councilwoman Sousa
4. Two - no parking signs between 9am to 5pm. See attached photo of location at end of library driveway. Councilwoman Sousa
5. Place signage directing one way library entrance. "WRONG WAY" sign. Councilwoman Sousa
6. Process of recent approval for State Police additional Flock cameras. Council President Rodericks

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

1. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island 1998, As amended, entitled “Zoning”. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Amending Section 19-480 uses permitted by striking hotel from the Metacomet District to conform with use table.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 of the revised ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island 1998, as amended, entitled “Zoning”

By amending Section 19-360.12 attached single family dwelling to comply with State Law R. I. G .L 45-24-33 (26) 45-24-37 (j) As petitioned by Attorney Dylan Conley

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. An Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$150,000 from unallocated Capital Funds for the support of Crescent Park Loof Carousel and Facilities. Introduced by Council President Rodericks.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. An Ordinance of the Council of the City of East Providence appropriating \$500,700.00 from unallocated Capital Funds for the support of Crescent Park Looff Carousel improvement plan/tent structure. Introduced by Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. **Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
2. **Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation**
 - Appointment of Clayton Lee Grahm to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.
 - Appointment of Ryan Lauer to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.
 - Appointment of Laura Ostrander to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.
 - Appointment of John Harris to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.
 - Appointment of Sam Archer to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.
 - Appointment of San Shoppell to the Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.

- Appointment of Eric Lauterbach-Colby to the Mayor’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a (1) year term effective 8/11/2026 – 8/10/2027.

3. Items for announcement/discussion

- Director of Communications Matt Paddock to address city hiring practices for traffic control.
- Executive Order establishing all flags on municipal buildings be flown at half-staff in recognition of the passing of Dr. Isadore S. “Izzy” Ramos.
- Executive Order establishing the Mayor’s Young Innovators Advisory Committee (MYIAC).
- Proclamation honoring City Controller, Kim Brown upon her retirement after 21 years of dedicated Service to the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing August as Gastroparesis Awareness Month in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing August 15 as Indian Independence Day in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing August 18 as Never Give Up Day 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 Requesting the Department of Public Works to take all necessary steps to implement the Department of Public Works parking plan and signage at Weaver Library (Councilwoman Sousa)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution concerning further support for the City’s tree planting and pruning program. (Councilwoman Sousa)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the installation of new LED Lights at Pierce Memorial Stadium (Council President Rodericks)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with UpLinkIt to increase school safety at St. Mary Academy/Bay View (Councilman Fogarty)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Resolution-Council Rules of Procedure (Councilwoman Sousa)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Third Amendment to the Water Tower Lease at 0 Walmer Avenue with T-Mobile. (Councilman Fogarty)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - 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" Amending SECTION I. Section 18-307 Parking prohibited at all times amended as follows:

Dover Avenue (~~west both sides~~) from Warren Avenue southerly ~~to Baldwin Street for 250 feet.~~
~~Dover Avenue (east side) from Warren Avenue southerly for 100 feet.~~

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. 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" Amending Section 18-308 entitled "Parking time limitations – 15 minutes"

Warren Avenue (South Side) from a point 105 feet West of South Hull Street Westerly 20 feet.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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