



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Minutes of May 15, 2025**

**Held in Conference Room A, City Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Members present were Chairwoman Michelle Martins-Botelho, Mr. Corria, Mr. Brun, and Mr. Leonardo.

**II. Old Business:**

**A. Vote on Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 17, 2025 by Mr. Brun, seconded by Mr. Corria. Motion passes unanimously.

**III. New Business**

**A. Continuation of Discussion on Economic Development Initiatives for 2025**

The Commission continued its discussion on economic development initiatives and discussed parcels in the Waterfront District that may be underutilized and collaboration between the Waterfront Commission and Economic Development Commission.

**B. Continuation of Discussion on Washington Bridge**

The Commission asked this item be included on each agenda. The commission discussed the impact of the Washington Bridge closure on the local economy.

**C. Status Update on Storefront Projects**

The Commission reviewed the list of projects funded through the City's Storefront Improvement Program. The Commission asked for the address of each location in addition to the name of the business.

**IV. Staff Report**

Mr. Leonardo provided an update on projects in the Planning Department, including the start of construction on the new Community center, the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank grant to make stormwater improvements on Greenwood Avenue, that the City met with Rhode Island Energy and RIDOT in April to discuss paving projects throughout the city, and that on June 4<sup>th</sup> the City would be presenting findings of the Oldham Feasibility Study at the Fuller Creative Learning Center.

**V. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Corria, seconded by Mr. Brun, the Commission voted to adjourn.

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