

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

Date: August 15, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: City Hall, Room 306

Present: Michael Robinson (Chair), Michelle Rockwell, Octavio Cunha, Eric Crook, Dr. Alan D'Aiello, Christopher Grant, Gregory Miller, William Fazioli (Planning Director), Dominic Leonardo (Staff), Wayne Barnes (Staff)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. APPROVAL OF PLANING BOARD MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Miller, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 20th as is, and June 13, 2022 as amended with an additional sentence noting the final plan approval of subdivision #2021-21-Minor was found to be in character with the neighborhood. Chairman Robinson abstained from voting because he was not in attendance at the June 13th meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Capital Improvement Plan & FY 23 Budget

Mr. Leonardo presented the Planning Department's request that the Board provide an advisory recommendation to the Council to approve the FY 2023-2027 CIP and the FY2023 Capital Budget as proposed which included requests totaling \$3,131,725. This request includes \$3,000,000 in FY2023 General Fund Capital Budget funding and a transfer of \$131,725 from the capital reserve fund.

The Board discussed the process of how capital projects are requested and how projects are prioritized.

On a motion by Mr. Grant seconded by Ms. Rockwell, the Board voted 7-0 to enter the Planning Department's memo and spreadsheet into the record which included the total estimated cost of all Capital Improvements submitted for FY 2023 of \$16,081,725. Of this total, \$12,950,000 worth of water system improvements by Water Utilities is proposed for funding through the Water Enterprise

Fund Operating Budget outside of the City's Capital Budget. This leaves a total of \$3,131,725 in submitted project requests for the City's FY 2023 General Fund Capital Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Grant seconded by Ms. Rockwell, the board voted 7-0 to send an advisory recommendation to the City Council to approve the FY 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and FY 2023 Capital Budget as proposed.

2. Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Opinion

Wayne Barnes, in his role as the Executive Project Manager for the East Providence Fire Department Emergency Management Agency, presented the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan to the board. Mr. Barnes explained the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years and that the plan is a FEMA required document that helps maintain the city's eligibility to apply for mitigation project grants through FEMA, and enables city residents to purchase federally backed flood insurance.

The Board discussed different natural hazards in the form of severe weather events that may have an impact on the city in the future such as sea level rise.

On a motion by Mr. Grant seconded by Mr. Miller, the board voted to make an advisory recommendation to the City Council to formally adopt the 2022 East Providence Rhode Island local hazard mitigation plan.

5. CONTINUED BUSINESS

There was no business to continue.

6. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Fazioli provided the staff report. He provided an update on various projects in the city, including new business developments.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday August 22, 2022.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Crook, seconded by Ms. Rockwell the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

CC: Mayor Roberto DaSilva
City Council
Director of Public Works
City Engineer
City Solicitor
Fire Chief
Zoning Officer