

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS
APPROVED MINUTES**

August 5, 2020 5:00P.M.

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5:00P.M. Open Session

Councilors present: Chair DosReis, Vice Chair Caparco, Abatecola, Aragao, Lange, LaScola, Luttge, Pereira, Stoddard.

Attendees: Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, Marc Furtado.

I. OPEN SESSION

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:03pm.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. *A motion was made by Ms. Stoddard to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caparco. The voice vote was unanimous.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Veterans Tax Credit Policy

The Chair brought up the idea of bringing a proposal for revising the city's veteran's tax exemption policy in front of the City Council. Mr. Furtado reiterated the process from the last meeting that in order to change the exemption to a higher level, the City Council would have to pass a resolution that would ask the General Assembly to carve out an exemption in state law granting the specifics of the proposal to East Providence.

Certain topics for a proposal were discussed such as whether the exemption should be a fixed dollar amount or a percentage. The consensus of the Council was that it should be a percentage.

Chair DosReis offered to draft a proposal that would go before the City Council asking for specific changes to the city's veteran's tax exemption, and that the City Council could then pass the proposal in the form of a resolution and send to the General Assembly for consideration.

B. Veterans Transportation

Chair DosReis gave a summary of the topic from the previous meeting, and asked if there was any new information to contribute. There was none.

C. Veterans Town Hall

The Chair spoke about members being able to reach out to different veteran's organizations in the city, but not for a while due to the pandemic. He also asked if the administration had a plan for how to safely construct a town hall, such as having it outdoors or limiting crowd capacity. Submissions for ideas were asked to be submitted by next meeting so that the prospective event could be held in the fall.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Items B and C under Old Business were requested to be added to the following meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Stoddard to adjourn, and was seconded by Mr. LaScola. The voice vote was unanimous.