

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
JOURNAL CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
February 28, 2024**

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914

Vice Chairman Vinhateiro called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Present: Commissioners David Luiz, Valerie Perry, Bruce Rogers, Julie Silva, Michael Sullo, Joseph Tavares, Manuel Vinhateiro.

Absent: Chairman Marc Furtado, Commissioner John Faria

Also in Attendance: Assistant Solicitor Dylan Conley, Meagan Bellamy

PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

None

A motion to proceed with the meeting made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullo, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

September 20, 2023

January 31, 2024

A motion to accept the minutes of September 20, 2023, made by Mr. Luiz, seconded by Mr. Rogers, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to accept the minutes of January 31, 2024, made by Mr. Luiz, seconded by Mr. Rogers, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

B Discussion and vote to expand City Council from five (5) members to seven (7) members (Requested by Commissioner Tavares)

Mr. Tavares speaks about his proposed amendment.

A motion to put forward Mr. Tavares's amendment was made by Mr. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Rogers for discussion.

Following discussion, ***a motion to move the question made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Tavares,*** failed on a roll call vote.

Ayes: 3 Perry, Silva, Tavares

Nays: 4 Luiz, Rogers, Sullo, Vinhateiro

Discussion and vote to amend the approved recommendation of Art. III Sec. 3-3 - Compensation

(Requested by Commissioner Luiz)

This amendment is to increase the recommended salary increase of the Mayor from \$100,000 to \$110,000.

Mr. Luiz opened the discussion. The question of incorporating a Cost of Living increase was also discussed. It was decided that Solicitor Conley will research the salaries of other Mayors in the state and determine the average salary.

A motion to table the recommendation, made by Mr. Luiz, seconded by Mr. Sullo, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

D. Vote to approve editorial changes to the city charter.

The following changes are proposed:

Sec. 2-2

A motion to amend section 2-2 by deleting the word “a” before crime of moral turpitude was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Luiz. Mr. Rogers amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Tavares to include the word shall, to read “Council members shall be qualified voters of the City”. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sec. 3-5 (4) AND (5)

A motion to include the word “year” in subsection (4) to read “within six months of the close of the fiscal year”; and to delete the word “sure” before the word recommendations in subsection (5) made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Silva, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sec. 3-5 (12)

A motion to eliminate the word “such” before the word “duties”, made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullo, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sec, 3-9

A motion to delete the word “an” before attorneys-at-law, made by Mr. Sullo, seconded by Mr. Luiz, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Vote to transmit approved editorial recommendations to the City Council

A motion to table to the next meeting made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Luiz, and passed unanimously on a roll vote.

A motion to hold the next meeting on March 27, 2024, made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Tavares, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn made by Ms. Silva, seconded by Mr. Luis, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Attest:

Valerie A. Perry, Secretary

Approved: March 27, 2024