

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
JOURNAL CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
March 27, 2024**

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

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

Present: Commissioners John Faria, David Luiz, Valerie Perry, Julie Silva, Michael Sullo, Joseph Tavares, Manuel Vinhateiro, Chairman Marc Furtado.

Absent: Commissioner Bruce Rogers

Also in Attendance: Meagan Bellamy, Associate Conley Law and Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

February 28, 2024

A motion by Mr. Faria, seconded by Mr. Sullo, to accept the minutes of February 28, 2024, passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**B. Discussion and vote to amend the approved recommendation of Art. III Sec. 3-3 -
Compensation
(Commissioner Luiz)**

A motion was made by Mr. Vinhateiro, and seconded by Mr. Sullo, to open for discussion.

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

Mr. Luiz read his proposed motion:

I move that as of January 1st 2025 that the compensation of the mayor be set at \$110,000 annually and that said salary be adjusted on every January 1st thereafter by the total percentage increase of the consumer price index for all urban consumers-CPI -U dash published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor statistics for the northeast region for the previous calendar year but in any event not to exceed 3% in any one year and that any current charter provision inconsistent with this provision be repealed The amendment shall become effective upon approval of the voters of the city of East Providence

Following discussion, *a motion to approve made by Mr. Luiz, seconded by Mr. Sullo, was unanimously passed on a roll call vote.*

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

A motion to open for discussion was made by Mr. Vinhateiro and seconded by Mr. Sullo.

Following discussion, *a motion made by Mr. Luiz, seconded by Mr. Faria to transmit, passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

C. Review Conceptual language to substantive amendments with possible vote to transmit to City Council

This item is to review proposals previously voted on by the Charter Review Commission that required thorough review or research from the law department before final adoption by the Commission and transmission to the City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Vinhateiro and seconded by Mr. Sullo, for purposes of discussion.

Chairman Furtado recommended that the commission hold off on voting on any of the changes until the commissioners review further.

Following discussion, the next meeting was set for May 8, 2024.

A motion to adjourn, made by Mr. Tavares, seconded by Mr. Luiz, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Attest:

Valerie A. Perry, Secretary