

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.
145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONFERENCE ROOM A

RE-OPEN SESSION TO BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 6:45 P.M.

City Council:

Council President, Robert Britto - Ward 1
Council Vice-President: Bob Rodericks - At Large
Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2
Councilman Nate Cahoon - Ward 3
Councilman Ricardo Mourato - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael J. Marcello
City Clerk, Samantha N. Burnett

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be both in person and virtually,
through an application called, "Zoom".

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY, USE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

By phone:

Call the toll free number: 1-877-853-5247 (audio only) and enter the following information:

MEETING ID: 993-0796-0324

You do not need a meeting passcode.

By computer or smartphone (this is the audio and video option):

To participate visually (with audio) you will need to log into the following from your computer or smart phone, go to: www.zoom.us

Enter the following information when prompted

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Once entered, you will be able to join the meeting. At the appropriate time for public comment the moderator will allow you to provide comment at the meeting.

The meeting will also be available live on our city website, located at:

http://www.clerkbase.com/RI_EastProvidence_Live_CityCouncil.html

In addition, written public comment on any agenda item can be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2020 in the following delivery methods:

Email the City Clerk: sburnett@eastprovidenceri.gov

Mailed/dropped off at: City Hall, Attention: City Clerk, 145 Taunton Avenue - East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO

R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1), (a)(2) and(a)(5) as noted below.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

A) Litigation

Litigation strategy/update and acquisition of private property by Eminent Domain

The City Council may go into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) and (5) related to an update from special counsel related to litigation status and update on potential eminent domain proceedings related to former Metacomet Golf Club and Facility located at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence, 02914

The City Council may go into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) litigation and potential litigation to discuss the following items:

New Claims

1. Patti Moniz

B) Sewer Abatements

1. Suzanne Grossman
2. Umah Camara
3. Judith Wesley

III. OPEN SESSION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MOTION TO SEAL MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – TAX ABATEMENTS AND COUNCIL JOURNALS

TAX ABATEMENTS:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2014	\$271.02
2015	\$710.10
2016	\$202.61
2017	\$53.94
2018	\$236.06
2019	\$238.98
2020	\$746.59
TOTALS:	\$2,459.31

COUNCIL JOURNALS:

NOVEMBER 10, 2020, NOVEMBER 24, 2020, DECEMBER 8, 2020, DECEMBER 15, 2020, DECEMBER 22, 2020, JANUARY 6, 2021

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The order of the speakers will be on a first come, first serve basis and the maximum time for public comment shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per meeting. Public comments must pertain to a docket item.

VII. LICENSES NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING**1. APPLICATION FOR VICTUALING LICENSE, CLASS 3 – Wise Guy Deli, 467 Willett Avenue, 02915**

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. HOLIDAY SALES – Wise Guy Deli, 467 Willett Avenue, 02915

Member	Aye	Nay
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Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VII. LICENSES REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

1. APPLICATION FOR VICTUALING LICENSE-CLASS 1, TRANSFER – PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICANT: Manuel Sousa, Little Lucy's Lunch, LLC DBA Red Bridge Tavern, 22 Waterman Avenue 02914

TRANSFER TO: JOSEPH F. PEREIRA, JR.

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. BV LICENSE – PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICANT: BERTA'S RESTAURANT TAPAS AND BAR INC. DBA BERTA'S RED BRIDGE TAVERN, WATERMAN AVENUE, 02914 (BERTA BORGES AND JOSEPH F. PEREIRA)

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Comprehensive Plan Advisory Plan Committee: Renee Chicoine (Sponsored by: Councilman Cahoon)

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) COUNCIL COMMUNICAITONS

1. Discussion: Tree Ordinance and Tree Commission – Councilwoman Sousa
2. Discussion: East Providence Small Business Symposium/Meeting - Councilman Cahoon, Councilwoman Sousa, Councilman Mourato
3. Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Workshop/Update for February 2, 2021 meeting – Councilman Mourato
4. Discussion: Request for Update on February 2, 2021 Council meeting regarding Capital Projects – Councilman Mourato

b) COMMUNICATIONS – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

1. **Executive Order-2021-002:** Extending order 2020-004, dated March 15, 2020, Entitled, “Declaration of State of Municipal Emergency”

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

2. **Executive Order-2021-003:** Extension of FFCRA (Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act) Benefits
3. **Executive Order-2021-005:** Extending Executive Order 2020-047, dated November 24, 2020 and extending Executive Order 2020-049, dated November 25, 2020 entitled, “Supplemental Declaration of State of Emergency”

Member	Aye	Nay
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Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

4. Presentation of FY 2018-2019 Audit (conducted by BlumShapiro) and Workshop Discussion
5. Appointment Letter - Tree Warden Announcement, Ronald Nawroki
6. Appointment Letter - Acting DPW Director Announcement, Erik Skadberg
7. East Providence Water Workshops Request Letter - Communication and Discussion

c) REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

- 1.) **City Solicitor's Claims Report**
Solicitor Michael J. Marcello
- 2.) **Monthly Business Licensing Status Report**
City Clerk, Samantha Burnett

d) RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE ACTION TO ADJUST CLOSING TIMES FOR BUSINESSES IN EAST PROVIDENCE TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ECONOMIC RELIEF TO THESE BUSINESSES

Sponsored by: Councilman Cahoon

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

e) ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST PASSAGE

A) AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Section 18-307

Sponsored by: Council Vice President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

B) AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "HEALTH AND SANITATION"

Article V, Sections 7-81 to 7-88

Sponsored by: Council President Britto and Council Vice President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

X. RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
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Cahoon		
Mourato		
Rodericks		
Sousa		
Britto		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk, Samantha Burnett at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.