

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Notice: The meeting will also be viewable live at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjcKR47VMil1LA>

AMENDED (ITEM XIII, NO. 2)

City Council:

Council President, Bob Rodericks – At Large

Council Vice-President: Frank Rego – Ward 1

Councilwoman Anna Sousa - Ward 2

Councilman Frank Fogarty - Ward 3

Councilman Rick Lawson - Ward 4

City Solicitor, Michael Marcello

City Clerk, Jill Seppa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa _____ Rodericks_____

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS-

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month-Councilwoman Sousa
2. Dyslexia Awareness – Councilwoman Sousa

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of East Providence may meet in Executive Session

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(1)- any discussions of the job performance, character or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that such person or persons affected have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require the discussion be held in open meeting – City Clerk

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa_____ Rodericks_____

VI. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR - For discussion and possible vote –

1. COUNCIL JOURNALS

1. August 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VIII. LICENSES - For discussion and possible vote

A. Motion to bundle licenses 1-7

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

B. Motion to approve licenses

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		

Sousa		
Rodericks		

C. NON-PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Diane Sullivan

Location: Pierce Stadium (02914)

Event: Turkey Trot Race

Date & Time: November 23, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Road Race

Applicant: Karen Zyons

Location: Bold Point Park

Event: Providence Rhode Race

Date & Time: May 4, 2024 7:30am-1:30pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Special Events – One Day Entertainment

Applicant: Villa Putrius

Location: 37 N Blossom St (02914)

Event: An Afternoon of Dance & Music

Date & Time: October 13, 2024 4:00pm-6:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. Special Events – Alcohol – Class F1 - full

Applicant: Bryan Benedict

Location: 684 & 700 Bullocks Pt Ave (02915)

Event: 2024 New England Witches Guild Parade

Date & Time: October 19, 2024 11:00am-4:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. Food Truck Event

Applicant: Tracy Johnson/Crescent Park

Event: 2024 New England Witches Guild Parade

Address: 700 Bullocks Point (02915)

Date & Time: October 19, 2024 11:00am-4:00pm

Trucks: Atmosphere Café, The Burrito Bowl, All Seasons Café, Teddys Candy Bar, Mikes City Dogs

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

6. Special Event – Alcohol Class F

Applicant: A.C. Peri/Sacred Heart Church

Address: 118 Taunton Ave (02914)

Event: Fall Dinner

Date and Time: October 5, 2024 6:30pm-11:00pm

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

7. Sundays & Holidays

Applicant: Djennifer Kaenman

Business: Savage Angel Fitness

Business Address: 321-323 Warren Ave (02914)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

8. Solicit

Applicant: Michael Keeley

Business: Resolve Visionary

Business Address: 2830 Pawtucket Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Liquor License-Class B (full)

Applicant: Nirajan Adhikari

Business: Himalayan Spice dba SWAD

Address: 185-187 Willett Ave (02915)

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Any person who submits a communication to the Council and wishes to speak on it must indicate this in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. A person who lists more than one topic on their communication will be allowed to speak on the first one listed.

1. Joseph Botello - traffic speed camera program

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

All persons wishing to make public comment shall sign a public comment sheet stating their name, address and the subject of their comments. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The order of 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.

XI. APPOINTMENTS –

XII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Statement on small business grants for businesses affected by bridge closure and vote on hiring legal counsel to advise city council on legal options against the Mayor for withholding these funds from being dispersed to impacted businesses – Discuss – Councilman Lawson
2. Discuss new position for administrative assistant to the City Council – Discuss – Councilman Lawson

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance for final passage - For discussion and possible vote-

1. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating \$6,118,625 For The FY2025 Capital Budget And FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Appropriating \$221,692,101 For The Support Of The City Government For The Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2025

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Standing Item - Discuss impact of Washington Bridge closure in the City of East Providence – *City Council*
2. Follow up on the implementation of a fourth full time rescue for the City of East Providence – discuss – Council Vice President Rego

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYOR COMMUNICATIONS- Chief of Staff Patricia Resendes

1. Appointment not requiring Council Confirmation

- Tiesha Nieves Sinouhasy – reappointment to Affirmative Action Commission, Seat 4, Term 5/2/24 - 5/1/26
- Carole Brown – appointment to East Providence Housing Authority, No. 7, Term 10/21/24 - 10/20/27
- Nicholas T. Williams – reappointment to East Providence Housing Authority, No. 3, Term 2/26/24 - 2/25/29

2. Items for announcement/discussion

- Presentation of the FY 24/25 Proposed Budget – Mayor Bob DaSilva
- East Providence Fire Rescue Coverage
- August FY 24 Finance Reports – Dir. Malcolm Moore
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 2024 Dyslexia Awareness Week – October 16th @ 6PM – Light City Hall RED w/ Decoding Dyslexia RI

A. Workshop – Discussion Only (page numbers refer to the FY25 proposed budget available online, <https://stories.opengov.com/eastprovidenceri/published/XxwJuzw3k6> and in the City Clerk’s office) Pages 1-130

1. City Government

- **Mayor’s Office**
- **City Clerk**
- **Law**

2. City Operations

- **Finance Controls & Accounts**
- **Human Resources**
- **EEOC/Affirmative Action**
- **Information Technology**

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS-

- 1. City Solicitor – Executive Session**

C. REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON-

D. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Change Order with Acme Abatement Contractor, Inc. Relating to Removal of Asbestos Found on a Portion of the Roof of the Former Oldham Elementary School**
Sponsor: Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Lawson

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		

Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with ITSavvy LLC for Security Training and E-mail Archiving System

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Resolution To Reaffirm Relations Between The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island And The Village Of Vila Franca Do Campo, Portugal As Sister Cities

Sponsor: Council President Rodericks and Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

E. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote-

1. An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 17 Of The Revised Ordinances Of The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, As Amended, Entitled "Utilities"

Summary: Sec. 17-183 - 7 calendar day grace period to 7 business days (sewer)

Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 17 Of The Revised Ordinances Of The City Of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, As Amended, Entitled "Utilities"

Summary: Sec. 17-36 7 - 7 calendar day grace period to 7 business days (water)
Sponsor: Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

3. Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of East Providence Ordering The Assessment And Collection Of Property Tax On The Ratable Real Estate And Tangible Personal Property

Summary: Sec 16-50 entitled "Assessment" of Article IV entitled "Property Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property and Excise Tax on Registered Motor Vehicles and Trailers"

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

4. An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Borrow Funds In Anticipation Of Taxes

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

5. An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Borrow Funds In Anticipation Of Bonds

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

If communication assistance is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 401.435.7596 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
APPROPRIATING \$221,692,101 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The general fund receipts for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2025, have been established to amount to \$221,692,101 made up as follows:

GENERAL FUND	2023-2024	2024-2025
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	115,823,418	117,285,537
School State Aid	40,661,557	39,578,297
City State Aid	23,030,797	25,092,866
City Revenue	10,301,495	11,797,458
School Grants/Other	1,200,000	1,250,000
Total General Fund	\$ 191,017,267	\$ 195,004,158
UTILITY FUNDS	2023-2024	2024-2025
REVENUES		
Water Division	11,939,039	12,556,139
Wastewater Division	14,131,804	14,131,804
Total Utility Funds	\$ 26,070,843	\$ 26,687,943
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 217,088,110	\$ 221,692,101

SECTION II. To defray the expenses of the City of East Providence for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2025, the sum of money, or so much thereof as are authorized by law indicated in the accompanying schedule, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes, and in the amounts expressed therein, provided that payments thereunder shall be subject to the provisions of the City Charter of the City of East Providence and also subject to the provisions of said City Charter relative to the manner and form of expenditures of money set forth in said Charter from the City Treasury.

SECTION III. All monies appropriated are to be expended by the various departments in the manner and form approved by the Director of Finance.

SECTION IV. The payment to the School Fund of the following estimated receipts, included in the appropriation of \$99,396,962 for the support of the public schools for the City of East Providence fiscal year 2024-2025, shall be increased or decreased to conform to the actual amounts received from such sources during the fiscal year 2024-2025 except the appropriation of property tax.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVENUES	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation of Property Taxes	55,003,481	57,203,620
State Sources/Other	41,861,557	42,193,342
Totals	\$ 96,865,038	\$ 99,396,962

SECTION V. The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 which begins November 1, 2024 and ends October 31, 2025 as prepared and submitted by the Mayor, and to implement the recommendations as set forth in the Mayor's Budget Message by the approval of said recommendations as contained herein, or by other ordinances or resolutions of the Council of the City of East Providence; all in accordance with the provisions of said Article.

SECTION VI. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island