

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DOCKET-SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024
7:00PM
145 TAUNTON AVENUE-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION- CONFERENCE ROOM A**

OPEN SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

Notice: the meeting will be viewable live at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0YEW6s1RpjcKR47VMil1LA>

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of East Providence may vote to meet in Executive Session, pursuant to the following provisions:

1. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Discussion of the job performance, character ... of a person provided that the person or persons affected have been notified in advance in writing.-
City Clerk: Acceptance of resignation of City Clerk, exit interview, and other related matters related to voluntarily separation, transition of office.
2. R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(4) & 42-46-5(a)(2)-Any investigation proceeding regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or inquiry including initiation of City Council inquiry pursuant to Article II, section 2-9(6), and consultation with legal counsel related to focus and scope of inquiry and process.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Fogarty_____ Lawson_____ Rego_____ Sousa_____ Rodericks_____

V. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Discussion of part time Council position job description and advertisement as recently allocated in FY25 budget – Councilwoman Sousa

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Resignation of City Clerk Jill Seppa effective November 1, 2024.

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

2. Appointment by City Council of City Clerk Effective November 1, 2024 pursuant to Article II, section 2012(a) - Andreza Skipworth -

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

A. RESOLUTIONS - For discussion and possible vote

1. Resolution Authorizing The Hiring Of Special Legal Counsel
By The City Council

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Member	Aye	Nay
Fogarty		
Lawson		
Rego		
Sousa		
Rodericks		

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

Posted on October 25, 2024 JKS

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE**

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL
BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2-9(6) authorizes the City Council to inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City and make investigation as to municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, Rule 5 of the Council Rules of Procedure requires that a majority of the City Council to expend or commit the expenditure of funds for “goods or services above \$250.00;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in order carry out its inquiries, finds it necessary to hire special legal counsel to assist it; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of conducting an inquiry into the operation, staffing, personnel, and customer and public interaction and related matters within the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of conducting an inquiry into the City of East Providence Administration disbursement of funds provided by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation Washington Bridge Small Business Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council authorizes the expenditure of funds for the hiring of the law firm of Oliverio & Marcaccio LLP, 30 Romano Vineyard Way, Suite 109, North Kingstown, RI 02852 to assist in its inquiries.
2. The City Council President is authorized to execute any and all documents, including the appropriate fee agreement, necessary to retain the law firm and/or any of its principles, including Matthew Oliverio for the purpose of such inquiries.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council: _____

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Councilman Rick Lawson