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## AGENDA

### **Semi-Monthly Meeting – Full Council**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026; 6:00 p.m.**

Administration Building, Conference Room A  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

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1. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting – June 9, 2026**
2. **Subcommittee Report**
3. **Staff Report**
4. **Applications which have been Out To Notice for 30-Days and are before the Council for Review and Action:**

#### **2026-01-023 PAWTUCKET REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY -- Construct and maintain:**

- 1) A vertical slot fishway for restoration of diadromous fish passage from the Seekonk to Blackstone River below the Main Street dam to above the Slater Mill dam
- 2) Accessways, overlook and plaza for maintenance and public access, including restoration and enhancement of upland buffer vegetation
- 3) Stormwater management improvements
- 4) Repair of existing structural shoreline protection (vertical seawall), including removal of 220lf
- 5) Work includes excavation, dredging and filling in tidal waters, with 5,000sf of temporary impact, 1700sf of permanent impact, 275cy of dredge material and 385cy of fill
- 6) Work includes 2400sf of temporary impact, 815sf of permanent impact, 190cy of dredge material and 105cy of fill within freshwater wetland (Blackstone River). No alterations to vegetated freshwater wetlands are proposed
- 7) Variances are required to 650-RICR-2000-01 Section 1.2.1(B)(3)(a)(2)-fill placement and 1.3.1(C)(4)(a)(4)-Structural Perimeter Limit. The project meets the exemption under 1.3.1(J)
- 8) The project is exempt from Urban Coastal Greenway requirements of the Metro Bay SAMP Section 5.5(D) and meets several exemptions under FWWC Section 3.2.1

Project Location: Plat 22, lot 287; plat 23, lot 553; 100 Main Street & Broadway, Pawtucket, RI.

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**5. Application requiring Special Exception before the Council for Public Hearing and Review and Action:**

**2026-01-056 CITY OF PAWTUCKET** -- The second phase of the overall project associated with the Tidewater Stadium Development (Phase 1A). Phase 1B of the Project is a public/private joint development that proposes the following:

- Construction of two pathways, a Lower Riverwalk (primary ADA public access path) and an Upper Riverwalk (secondary non-ADA access trail). The upper path will consist of a stabilized aggregate, and the lower path will consist of a combination of wooden boardwalk and asphalt paving to increase public visual access to the Seekonk River. The upper path will generally follow along an existing trail that begins at Festival Pier and extends northerly along the existing Narragansett Bay Commission utility easement, and the lower path boardwalk will span a coastal wetland.
- Construction of one (1) stormwater basin and associated stormwater control measures.
- Construction of one (1) underground sand filter infiltration chamber (UIC) system and associated stormwater control measures.
- Construction of the Tidewater East plaza.
- Restoration of uplands at the Site, including buffer zone/invasive species management and establishment of an Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG) per the Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan (MB SAMP);
- Restoration and enhancement of a degraded coastal wetland, including invasive species management.
- Establishment of two (2) “future development” inland lots along Division Street, Portuguese Social Club Way and School Street. The lots are included in this Assent Application for planning purposes. The development review of each lot will be submitted separately in the future.

**6.1.1 VARIANCES – SECTION 1.1.7**

The Project is designed to adhere to MB SAMP UCG Sections 5.7(2) and is requesting a Variance for Buffer Zone width. In accordance with this section, the Project is being proposed under Option 2: Variance Request to Reduce Buffer Width.

A portion of the Project is located within the MB SAMP Development Zone. Accordingly, the Project is requesting a variance from the required buffer within this area to adhere to Option 3: Compact UCG Width (50 feet) with compensation for the reduced UCG width.

Work within the MB SAMP Area of Particular Concern (APC) Zone is requesting to be permitted using Option 2: Variance Request to Reduce Buffer Width. A Special Exception is also being requested to allow for reduced buffer widths for segments of the proposed work including 150 LF of public boardwalk, 75 LF of public access path, 200 LF of public nature trail, and site grading associated with the improvements (including the future development on Lot 3).

A variance to applicable design standards of Section 1.3.1(Q) is also requested for the proposed wetland walkover structure crossing a coastal wetland in order to achieve ADA compliance,

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**6.1.2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS – SECTION 1.1.8**

The project is seeking two special exceptions to allow for the proposed improvements to be fully implemented as depicted in the plan set and as described in the Application. The first Special Exception is to allow for additional encroachment into Option 2: Variance Reduction 75-foot Buffer within the APC Zone.

The second special exception is to allow the structure to be constructed over a Coastal Wetland and to allow an observation deck to be constructed along the structure.

Project Location: plat 23, lots 599, 672, 673; plat 35A, lot 361; 177 School Street, Pawtucket, RI.

**6. Request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (a)(2):**

- Annual litigation update

**7. Action on items discussed in Executive Session.**

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