

Meeting Notice

Date Notice Posted: February 1, 2008

City of East Providence

City Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Time of Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Location of Meeting:

City Hall, Council Chambers

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, RI 02914

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
DOCKET OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under "*CONSENT CALENDAR*" are considered to be of a routine and noncontroversial nature by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the "*CONSENT CALENDAR*" and will be considered in its normal sequence on the docket.

Motion_____By_____2nd_____
Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

- IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL JOURNALS**

January 7, 2008 – Joint City Council & School Committee Meeting
January 15, 2008 – Regular Meeting

B. Letter from Dorothy M. O’Gara, Chairperson East Providence Canvassing Authority

January 22, 2008 – Regarding Location of Presidential Preference Primary Election Polling Places.

C. TAX BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPEALS *(Requested by Tax Board of review)*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2007	\$449.79
Total	\$449.79

D. Petition to Support Abandonment of Cedar Avenue West of Bluff Street.

James W. & Corinna E. Barry, 47 Bluff Street (02915), Joseph & Margaret Rochette, 51 Bluff Street (02915)

E. Vict/Not Over 25 *(Approvals from Chief of Police, Building Inspector, Health Inspector, and Fire Marshall)*

Kent Corners Petroleum, LLC, d/b/a Kent Corners Shell, 970 Willett Avenue (02915)

Motion_____By_____2nd_____

F. Holiday Sales *(Approvals from Chief of Police, Building Inspector and Fire Marshall)*

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V. APPOINTMENTS

1. PERSONNEL HEARING BOARD *(by Councilman Silva)*

Manuel Sousa *(reappointed term ending 12/06/2013)*
1449 South Broadway (02914)

2. TREE WARDEN

Michael Bartlett, Asst. Supt. Parks *(reappointment term ending 2/5/2009)*
210 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA (02771)

LICENSING COMMISSIONERS RESUME SITTING AS CITY COUNCIL

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

HIGHWAY ABANDONMENT – CEDAR AVENUE FROM BLUFF STREET WESTWARD TO NARRAGANSETT BAY

Petition for highway abandonment on Cedar Avenue from Bluff Street westward to Narragansett Bay

Petitioners: James W. & Corinna E. Barry, 47 Bluff Street (02915), Joseph & Margaret Rochette, 51 Bluff Street (02915)

Attorney: Matthew D. Sleprow, 1481 Wampanoag Trail (02915)

Advertised: East Providence Post – December 14, 21 & 28, 2007

Notice sent to Utility Company – December 7, 2007

Notices served abutters – December 7 & 9, 2007

Planning Board Recommendation

Public Comments

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Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

1. RFQ: Installation of Storm Drain Systems

Motion_____By_____2nd_____

Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

2. RFQ: Water Distribution System – Cleaning and Lining Project

Motion_____By_____2nd_____

Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

B. REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

CLAIMS COMMITTEE (by William J. Conley, Jr. – City Solicitor)

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C. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Request for Legal Opinion on a Resolution (by Councilman Cusack)

Motion_____By_____2nd_____

Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

2. Polling Places (by Councilman Cusack)

Motion_____By_____2nd_____
Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

3. Financial Summit (by Councilman Cusack)

Motion_____By_____2nd_____
Cusack_____DiTraglia_____Perry_____Silva_____Ramos_____

4. Mary Furtado Holloway PhD. (by Councilman Silva)

Refer to Planning Board for review and recommendation for a disposition of this property.

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D. RESOLUTIONS

ABANDONMENT OF CEDAR AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Providence deemed it necessary to abandon Cedar Avenue from Bluff Street to Narragansett Bay as shown on a recorded plat of land entitled “Plat of Riverside Villa Lots near Cedar Grove” surveyed and platted by Cushing & Co., Sept 1871 Recorded Nov. 28, 1871, witness, Cha L. Hazard, Town Clerk—Plat Card 20 and on Tax Assessor’s Map 312 on Block 33 and Map 212 on Block 1 dated December 31, 2000 situated in East Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, said petition, having been duly advertised and all interested parties duly notified in accordance with law, and after public hearing held on January 2, 2008:

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Cedar Avenue from Bluff Street to Narragansett Bay as shown on a recorded plat of land entitled “Plat of Riverside Villa Lots near Cedar Grove” surveyed and platted by Cushing & Co., Sept 1871 Recorded Nov. 28, 1871, witness, Cha L. Hazard, Town Clerk—Plat Card 20 and on Tax Assessor’s Map 312 on Block 33 and Map 212 on Block 1 dated December 31, 2000 situated in East Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, described as follows:

That certain lot or parcel of land, with all the buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the westerly side of Bluff Street in the City of East Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, laid out and designated as the lot shown as 4600+/- square feet of Cedar Avenue to be abandoned on that plat entitled “Proposed Abandonment unimproved portion of Cedar Avenue west of Bluff Street to Narragansett Bay Between Barry and Rochette Homes, 47 & 51 Bluff Street, East Providence, RI AP 312/33/1 and 212/1/10 by Express

Surveying, Curtis M. Johnson, P.L.S.” which plat is recorded in said City of East Providence, herewith.

Said abandoned road parcel containing 4,600 square feet of land and is shown on a plan entitled, “Proposed Abandonment unimproved portion of Cedar Avenue west of Bluff Street to Narragansett Bay Between Barry and Rochette Homes, 47 & 51 Bluff Street, East Providence, RI AP 312/33/1 and 212/1/10 by Express Surveying, Curtis M. Johnson, P.L.S.” be and is hereby abandoned as a public highway by reason of the fact that Cedar Avenue from Bluff Street to Narragansett Bay as shown on a recorded plat of land entitled “Plat of Riverside Villa Lots near Cedar Grove” surveyed and platted by Cushing & Co., Sept 1871 Recorded Nov. 28, 1871, witness, Cha L. Hazard, Town Clerk—Plat Card 20 and on Tax Assessor’s Map 312 on Block 33 and Map 212 on Block 1 dated December 31, 2000 situated in East Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island as hereinabove described has ceased to become useful to the public, said abandonment to be subject to the stipulation that nothing be built upon the subject land.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that after due appraisal, it is determined that there is no damage sustained by the abutting property owners by reason of said abandonment, and, therefore, no award of damages shall be made; and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Director of Public Works be directed to cause signs to be placed at each end of said abandoned highway as hereinabove described, having thereon the words “Not a Public Highway”; and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that after entry of this decree the City Clerk shall cause notice thereof to be posted in a newspaper published in Providence County, and that further and personal notice be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting upon said Cedar Avenue as hereinabove described who is known to reside within this state.

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D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Joseph Braga, Juniper Hill Drive, Coventry (02816) Requesting to address the Council regarding restrict parking on South Blossom Street directly across from side of Subway to 1 hour between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except Sundays & Holidays.
2. Robert Enos, 11 Milburn Road (02914) Requesting to address the Council regarding Consolidation Report and School Meetings.
3. Ralph, Tami, Anthony, & Brian Germani, 66 Summit Street (02914) Requesting to address the Council regarding the need for a Slow Children Sign, requesting

one-way for Summit Street and to clarify no parking across the street from their house not the whole street.

4. Cynthia Saillant, 41 Bluff Street (02915) Requesting to address the Council regarding Petition for Cedar Avenue.
5. Jeremy D. Reis, 9 Cedar Lane, Seekonk, MA (02771) Requesting to address the Council regarding being put on the towing list for the City of East Providence.
6. Kathy Santos, 4 Thurston Street (02915) Requesting to address the Council regarding polling stations are supposed to conform to the law in title 17.
7. Tom Riley, 3620 Pawtucket Avenue (02915) Requesting to address the Council regarding Title 17 as it applies to the Canvassing Board, Board of Elections and the Presidential Primary and Polling Places.
8. Damien Spellman, 72 John Street (02914) Requesting to address the Council regarding the speed and use of Jake breaks by commercial trucks en-route from Massasoit Avenue to John Street to Taunton Avenue.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion _____ By _____ 2nd _____