

Minutes Approved  
November 9, 2015

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
October 19, 2015  
@  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Donna Travis, President

**Roll Call:** 9/0 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Kathleen Usler, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

**Time:** 7: PM

**Salute to the Flag:** Councilman Gallucci

**Executive Communications**

**Quarterly Reports**

1. **Dan O'Rourke - Water Department** –not present
2. **Janine Burke – WSA**

Janine Burke – WSA – quarterly report given to Council. She is open to suggestions. Budget for construction act Rehabilitation. Anyone interested in this should contact her regarding five year study. Plant is running well. Sup. has retired he will be missed. Question by Councilman Ladouceur about damage by storm. Questions by Councilman Merolla regarding purchase of vehicle for sewer line cleaner. Janine Burke explains it is Multipurpose vehicle. Five year study will it include reduction of sewer assessment. Rate study is being done. Janine Burke updates Council on cost for construction and action being taken for emergency cost. Clean Water Funding - all being funded by them. Favorable interest rate. Sewer Department benefits from their bond rate. Governor Francis Phase III pending – Sewer Department still negating with owner of property.

**General Communications -**

1. Councilman Solomon: FEMA announcement came across his desk. Grant \$125,000.00 city received to assist to evaluate piece of residential property on annual basis. Grant award is very important to City. Property is located in high risk area. Mr. Gagnon – RIEM – happy to assist City in obtaining grant. Mayor also commented on grant in release. City should seek more of these grants. Councilman Solmon would like more information from RI Emergency Management on this grant.
2. Councilman Ladouceur – Comments on Councilman Solomon's news, we have a lot of property in flood areas. Outrages cost of insurance for these areas. Would also like to see more grants.

**Public Comment**

**RULE 41.** After the General Communications and prior to the Consent Calendar at each City Council Public Hearing meeting there shall be a fifteen minute period during which citizens may comment about Warwick city government issues subject to the following stipulations:

- a) The total period of time for public comment shall be 15 minutes.  
Comments need to be brief in order to allow as many citizens as possible to participate.
- b) The topics for comment shall be issues directly affecting City government.
- c) City Council members will not respond to questions during the public comment period.
- d) The public comment session will terminate at the expiration of 15 minutes.  
Waiver of this provision requires unanimous consent.

1. Sean Rainey speaking about PCO17-15 for food shopping for Fire Fires. They should pass this ordinance. Setting up a policy should help. PCO 24-15 regarding drop off containers does this also include Salvation Army and parking lots. We should also look at that. State roads are bad and State should be responsible for them.
2. Janice Pasigman-Address statement that Steve Merolla made about the Providence Business Report. The decisions that were made as council have disappointed her because it was not addressed. Winslow Fields who is in charge of the fields, RIAC outside and inside is City. The field was so noisy. Address the noise issue for next season. The league had girls line up against her fence she asked them to stop and they would not listen balls were hitting her fence. Last things the snow is going to be major problem. She is still getting dirt from fields. Snow drifting she needs a snow fence.
3. Stacia Huyler – Ward 9 – This is directed to the Council people not present earlier. Items for \$102,000.00 for station 2 fire station roofs and she asked where funds were coming from and no one could answer. It is nowhere in the budget no one had the answer. She wants to enter into record Buttonwoods Fire District.
4. John Kennedy - Mr. Solomon the grant that the house was awarded is that going to bring up the value of their house. Fire shopping that Mr. Cote spoke about earlier. Firefighter's ordinance he is on the fence about that. They should use the Chief's car and that would save money. Or a rental car and public could use it. Food for thought maybe it should be contractual. Ball fields are a nightmare airport road is a nightmare even with police there. How much does police cost. The road to get here took him 15 minutes to get here. Apponaug is a nightmare.

### **Referred Business**

#### **1. PCO-20-15 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, Sturbridge Home Builders, Inc., Petitioner** (Councilman Ladouceur)

#### **Public Hearing, First Passage**

**Committee Report:** **Land Use:** Move to public hearing, Colantuono

Action: Open public hearing

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Gallucci, Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet

Vote: 9 VV

Speaking for: Sanford J. Resnick, Attorney for Petitioner  
Hugh Fisher-Builder-expert testimony  
William DePasquale – Planning Department

Speaking against: Mrs. Davis- questions on zone change on side of property  
How will they protect pond and brook.

Motion to close the P.H.: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Colantuono

Vote: 9 VV

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Move to amend

Moved By: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Gallucci, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

Action: Move as amended

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Colantuono, Gallucci

Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE AS AMENDED 11/16/2015**

**2. PCO-21-15 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, H.A. Fisher Homes, LLC, Petitioner** (Councilman Merolla)

**Public Hearing, First Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Move to public hearing, Colantuono

Action: Open Public Hearing  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Galucci, Ladouceur, Chadronet, Colantuono  
Vote: 9 VV

Speaking for: Sanford J. Resnick, Attorney for Petitioner  
Hugh Fisher – Builder – H.A. Fisher Homes  
William DePasquale

Speaking against: None

Motion to close the P.H.: Merolla  
Seconded by: Gallucci, Usler  
Vote: 9 VV

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Gallucci, Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Colantuono

Action: Move to amend  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded By: Gallucci, Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0

Action: Move as amended  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet  
Vote: 9/0

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**3. PCO-22-15 An Ordinance relative to the Abandonment of portions of Arnolds Neck Drive and Hallworth Drive** (Councilwoman Usler)

**Public Hearing, First Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Move to Public Hearing, Colantuono

Action: Open Public Hearing  
Moved by: Usler  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Ladouceur  
Vote: 9 VV

Speaking for: John C. Revens, Jr., Attorney for Petitioner  
William DePasquale, Planning Department

Speaking against: None

Motion to close the P.H.: Usler  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet  
Vote: 9/0

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Usler  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Colantuono, Chadronet  
Action: Motion to amend

Moved by: Usler  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci Colantuono, Chadronet  
Vote: 9/0

Action: Move as amended  
Moved by: Usler  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Colantuono  
Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE AS AMENDED 11/16/2015**

1. **Announcement of Appointments**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. Nathan Cornell - Co-Chair  
17 Ashmont Street  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 7

Warwick Schools Student Appointment Expires July 1, 2016
2. William D. McCaffrey  
108 Westcott Road  
North Scituate, RI 02857

Warwick School Teacher Appointment Expires July 1, 2016
3. Karen A. Bachus  
208 Burt Street  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 7

Warwick School Committee Co-Chair Appointment Expires July 1, 2016
4. Darlene Netoch - Clerk  
65 Hibiscus Lane  
Warwick,, RI 02886

Ward 7

Warwick Teacher’s Union Appointment Expires July 1, 2016
5. Susan Baker  
City of Warwick  
Planning Department

Mayoral Appointment Expires July 1, 2016
6. Sarah Callahan  
14 Long Street  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 6

Warwick Schools Student Appointment Expires July 1, 2016

2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation**

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

1. Joel Gerstenblatt  
122 Nanci Karen Drive  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 9

Re-appointment Expires: October 1, 2018
- Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Gallucci, Ladouceur, Usler, Colantuono, Vella-  
Wilkinson, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

**HISTORIC CEMETERIES COMMISSION**

1. Cynthia Corkum  
51 Alvira Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888

Ward 1

Vice: Maureen Byrne Expires January 1, 2017

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson, Usler, Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0  
**ACCEPTED**

### **3. Consent Calendar –**

1. **PCR 140-15 -Resolution Relative to Bids**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Colantuono

**ADOPTED R-15-120**

2. **PCR-141-15 Resolution Relative to Claims**  
(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Gallucci  
Seconded by: Colantuono

**ADOPTED R-15-121**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

#### **PCR-142-15 Claim of Deborah Mongeau**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Move to floor, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Usler  
Vote: 6/3 (Travis, Vella-Wilkinson, Gallucci)

**ADOPTED R-15-122**

#### **PCR-143-15 Claim of Frank Neri**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Move to floor, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Usler  
Vote: 2 (Chadronet, Gallucci)/7

**FAILED**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-14-15 An Ordinance for a report on the available funds in the budget to be made to the Council at the last Council meeting in April.**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD** until 11/16/2015 at the request of sponsor

2. **PCO-16-15 An Ordinance regarding military time for Warwick Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Employees**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD** until 11/9/2015 at the request of sponsor

3. **PCO-17-15 An Ordinance to establish a policy regarding food shopping by the Warwick Fire Department during their normal working hours.**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Move to pending file** at the request of sponsor

4. **PCO-24-15 An Ordinance requiring the registration and licensing of Drop-Off Containers and/or Receptacles** (Councilman Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Ladouceur, Colantuono

Action: Motion to Amend

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

Action: Move as Amended

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Colantuono, Chadronet, Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE AS AMENDED 11/16/2015**

5. **PCR-118-15 A Resolution to have a study on assistive hearing devices for use in the Council Chambers** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council

Presidents Travis)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-15-118**

6. **PCR-125-15 2016 Council Calendar** (Council President Travis, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson))

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Move to Floor

Moved by: Travis

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Colantuono

Action: Move to Amend

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Colantuono

Vote: 9/0

Action: Move as amended

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson, Merolla, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED R-15-119**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for October 19, 2015**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Vote:**

**Time:** 11:04

**Next Available Numbers:**

**PCR-142-15**

**PCO-32-15**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Councilman Colantuono: Resolution for no parking sign and crosswalk at Wyman School – Public Safety Committee **PCR-144-15**

Attest,

Judy Wild  
City Clerk