

Minutes Approved  
January 4, 2017

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
December 19, 2016  
@  
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:** 7:27 PM

**Salute to the Flag:** Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson

**Executive Communications**

**General Communications -**

1. Ward 6 – Council President Travis: Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. It was an honor to serve as Council President. Welcome to the new councilmen. Thanks everyone.
2. Ward 1 – Councilman Colantuono: Thanks to all city employees for their help, especially Carlos Zambrano, Pat Peshka, Raymond McKay and Joanne Cournoyer. Wishes new Council members good luck. Will miss serving Ward 1. Happy holidays.
3. Ward 3 – Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson: Looks forward to working with Council on the state level. Thanks to city employees for their work. Will miss everyone. Has no doubt the new Council members will excel.
4. Ward 7 – Councilwoman Usler: Thanks each Council member. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
5. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks and congratulations to outgoing Council members. Wishes them all the best going forward and looks forward to working with Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson on the state level in the future.
6. Ward 2 – Councilman Chadronet: After 20 years on the Planning Board, 5 years on the Zoning Board and 4 years on the Council, he will miss the action. If he misses it too much, maybe he'll be back.
7. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur: Reads a statement into the record prepared by Karen Bachus, who was unable to attend, regarding Warwick School Committee's response to the Council's call for an investigation on special education in Warwick Public Schools. She recommends Vincent Ragosta, Esq. to conduct this investigation.

**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. Scott Small: Representing Local 165, Warwick Municipal Employees. Would like to thank the Council, especially Wards 1, 2, 3 and 7 Council people, for their hard work on behalf of labor workers in the city. He looks forward to working with the new Council members and hopes to continue to see the outgoing members. He wishes everyone happy holidays.

2. Christina Gionoffi: Wants a Warwick City Ordinance to ban smoking in multi-unit buildings. She thanks Councilman Merolla for bringing a resolution on this issue to the Council. She will continue to fight for this ordinance. Landlords will save in the long run through longer tenancies and better insurance rates. She feels this ordinance would be similar to the noise ordinance, in that the city can regulate what people do in their homes. No one has a right to smoke. Children are getting asthma and cancer as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke and need to be protected.

**1. Announcement of Appointments – none**

**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none**

**3. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-162-16 -Resolution Relative to Bids**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci, Chadronet

**ADOPTED R-16-135**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PCR-164-16 (not PCR-10-17) Bid# 2016-171 State of Rhode Island  
Software, Government Procurement Agreement MPA# 227**

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet, Gallucci

Action: Move to Amend

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 8/1 (Colantuono)

Action: Move as Amended

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Ladouceur

Vote: 8/1 (Solomon)

**ADOPTED R-16-136**

**PCR-165-16 (not PCR-11-17) Bid# 2017-182 Purchase Various New  
Police Vehicles**

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci, Chadronet

**NOTE: 8:54 PM Recess Council President Travis left ill  
9:01 Resume Meeting – Councilman Gallucci presiding**

Action: **HOLD to 1/4/2017**

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet

Vote: 8/0 VV

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. PCO-25-16 Sub A An Ordinance Relative to the Abandonment of a Portion of  
Soule Street, TMC CF New England, LLC, Petitioner** (Councilman Gallucci)

**Second Passage as Amended**

Committee Report: Land Use: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Solomon  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Ladouceur  
Vote: 7/0/1 (Colantuono abstains)

**SECOND PASSAGE O-16-30**

2. **PCO-26-16 Sub A An Ordinance Relative to a Zone Change Petition, TMC CF New England, LLC, Petitioner** (Councilman Gallucci)

**Second Passage as Amended**

Committee Report: Land Use: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Solomon  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Ladouceur  
Vote: 7/0/1 (Colantuono abstains)

**SECOND PASSAGE O-16-31**

3. **PCO-39-16 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, 270 Austin, LLC, Petitioner requesting Zoning Law be amended by changing the Zoning Classification from Residential A-7 to A-7 Planned District Residential for Plat 292 Lot 178 Conanchet Avenue** (Councilman Colantuono)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Solomon  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Ladouceur  
Vote: 7/0/1 (Colantuono abstains)

**SECOND PASSAGE O-16-32**

4. **PCO-27-16 An Ordinance to amend the Code regarding Minimum Housing Violation Fees and Fines** (Councilman Colantuono, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD to 1/18/2017**

5. **PCO-36-16 Parking Restrictions – Highland Beach Area**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Public Safety: **HOLD to 1-4-2017**

6. **PCO-41-16 An Ordinance rescinding P.L. Ch. 33-1966, Incineration Purposes, \$1.9 million** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian )

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet, Ladouceur, Usler  
Vote: 8/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 1-18-2017**

7. **PCO-42-16 An Ordinance rescinding P.L. Ch. 65-1980** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian )

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Colantuono  
Vote: 8/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 1-18-2017**

8. **PCO-43-16 An Ordinance in regards to amending Chapter 76-6 One way traffic on Lockwood Street** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 8/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 1-18-2017**

9. **PCR-116-16 A Resolution regarding Special Education Investigation**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-16-137**

10. **PCR-117-16 A Resolution rescinding the request to the Warwick Educational Community Outreach Committee to investigate and report on complaints regarding Special Education services in the Warwick School Department**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **HOLD to 3/6/2017**

11. **PCR-144-16 Resolution relative to renewing the lease for Sprague Field**  
(Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Committee Report: Public Properties: **HOLD to 1/18/2017**

12. **PCR-148-16 A Resolution for a request to State DOT regarding a study for a crosswalk/caution signal on Post Road (Vicinity of Greenwood Credit Union)**  
(Councilman Usler, Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Usler  
Seconded by: Merolla, Ladouceur, Chadronet  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-16-138**

**13. PCR-156-16 Bid# 2017-174 Purchase Various New Tires**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable for discussion, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet, Usler

Action: Motion to hold

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: None

Action: To suspend rules to allow DPW Director to speak

Vote: 6/2 (Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson)

**ADOPTED R-16-139**

**14. PCR-157-16 Bid# 2017-188 Image Trend Annual Software Package**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono

Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-16-140**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

**PCR-163-16 – Resolution authorizing the deposit of dredge material by Prime Marina East Greenwich** (Councilman Merolla)

**Unanimous Consent for December 19, 2016**

**PCR-161-16 A Resolution requesting that the city Install a sound system from one of the closed schools into the City Council Chamber**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Chadronet, Ladouceur

Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-16-141**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Vella-Wilkinson

**Vote:**

**Time:** 9:35 PM

**Next Available Numbers:**

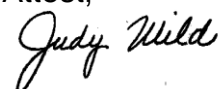
**PCR-10-17**

**PCO-2-17**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 9 & Ward 5 Councilman Merolla and Councilman Ladouceur – A Resolution to the General Assembly in requesting commercial housing developments be classified as non-smoking – Intergovernmental Committee – **PCR-10-17**

Attest,



Judy Wild  
City Clerk