

Minutes Approved
May 1, 2017

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
February 22, 2017
@
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Joseph J. Solomon, President

Roll Call: 9/0 Richard Corley, Jeremy Rix, Timothy Howe, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Stephen McAllister, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

Time: 7:00 PM

Salute to the Flag: Councilman Ladouceur

Executive Communications

General Communications -

Council President Solomon reads into record a Public Notice from CRMC, application of City of Warwick and RIDEM relative to the demolishing and removal of remnants to the old Rocky Point Pier for construction and replacement.

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. Jan Lougy: Resident of Pascoag and upset that at the last meeting, some people said that the Burrillville power plant issue should not be being heard in Warwick. This is a state issue and thanks the Council for having it on the docket.
2. David Brunetti: Resident of Burillville, lives on Farm Road. States the proposed power plant is not needed and 29 out of 39 cities and towns oppose it. Feels it will have a major impact on the environment and wildlife.
3. Rhoda Northrup: Points out ways the power plant would affect Warwick. It will use a large amount of water from the supply that the City of Warwick also relies on. If there is any sort of disaster related to it, the Warwick Fire Department could be impacted. Cancer-causing toxins will reach a radius of 100 miles. There is a surplus of energy in Rhode Island. This plant is not needed. Thanks for having them and think of the future and pass the resolution.
4. Lynn Clark: Is a resident of Pascoag. Thanks Councilman Rix and Councilman Merolla for the resolution regarding the proposed power plant on behalf of the organization, Keep Rhode Island Beautiful. Feels this is a Rhode Island issue. Feels allowing this power plant is a violation of the Open Space Act which is funded by taxpayers. Worried about air pollution the plant will cause. The power generated by this plant will not even be used by our state. Rhode Island will be taking all the risk with no benefit.

5. Rob Cote: He just received documents requested from the fire department regarding their budget. Budget went from \$433K to \$1,920,441.11. The fire department does not break down sick time under line item 35-100. This is a deceptive practice. Change of shift is required by insurance. There are 492 changes of shift missing. Fire Dept. says vacation days are covered by floaters at straight time. His documents show 1,105 vacation days were covered by overtime. This practice needs to be reviewed. It presently allows firefighters to preserve sick and vacation pay. Sick time should be broken down the same way DPW and Warwick Police do. It's an unfair labor practice.

1. Announcement of Appointments – none

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none

3. Consent Calendar -

1. **PCR-24- 35-17 Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe

ADOPTED R-17-20

2. **PCR-25-17 Resolution Relative to Claims** (continued from 2/6/2017)
(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis
Action: Favorable to hold all claims to 3/6/2017
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: McAllister

HOLD CLAIMS TO 3/6/2017

3. **PCR-26-17 Resolution Relative to Abatements** (continued from 2/6/2017)
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Move to floor without recommendation, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable for discussion
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar vote: 8/0/1 (Merolla abstains)

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **PCR-36-17 Bid# 2017-225 Frames, Grates & Covers**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 8/0/1 (Merolla abstains)

ADOPTED R-17-25

2. **PCR-37-17 Bid# 2017-229 Athletic Field Marking Paint**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 8/0/1 (Merolla abstains)

ADOPTED R-17-26

3. PCR-26-17 Resolution Relative to Abatements (continued from 2/6/2017)
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Move to floor for discussion, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable to the floor for discussion
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Action: Hold to 3/6/2017 for Tax Assessor to appear
Moved by: Corley
Seconded by: Ladouceur
Vote: 9/0 VV

CONTINUED TO MARCH 6, 2017

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. PCO-36-16 Sub A Parking Restrictions – Highland Beach Area
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Second Passage as Amended

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable with amendment, Travis
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, Travis, McAllister
Action: Move to Amend
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 9/0
Action: Move as Amended
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, Travis
Vote: 9/0

TO Second Passage Sub B 3/20/2016

2. PCO-18-15 Neighborhood Improvement Program- an Ordinance that will make Landlords responsible for the costs to pick up debris left on the street by tenants. (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage- Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

3. PCO-4-16 Dishonorable Service Ordinance
(Councilman Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla, Councilman Gallucci, Councilman McAllister)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 4/3/2017**

4. PCO-22-16 An Ordinance regarding a Veteran’s Discount Card
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

5. PCO-27-16 An Ordinance to amend the Code regarding Minimum Housing Violation Fees and Fines (Councilman Corley, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Howe on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

6. PCO-1-17 An Ordinance in regards to One-Way Traffic on Walnut Glen
(Councilman McAllister)

First Passage

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis
Action: Favorable
Moved by: McAllister
Seconded by: Travis, Gallucci, Ladouceur, Howe
Vote: 9/0

TO SECOND PASSAGE 3/20/2017

7. PCO 35-16 Ordinance regarding panhandling

(Councilman Merolla, Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

8. PCO-37-16 An Amendment to the Purchasing Ordinance

(Councilman Howe, Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report Finance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

9. PCO-38-16 In regards to amending Chapter 56 – Purchasing

(Councilman Ladouceur, Council President Solomon)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report Finance: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

10. PCR-118-16 A Resolution reducing the Speed Limit on Bleachery Court

(Councilman Gallucci)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Safety: Withdraw, Travis
Action: Move to Withdraw
Moved by: Gallucci
Seconded by: Travis, McAllister
Vote: 9/0

WITHDRAWN

11. PCR-146-16 BID#2017-184 Replacement parts for Potowomut Playground

(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Finance: Move to floor for discussion, Ladouceur
Action: Favorable for discussion
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-21

12. PCR-151-16 A Resolution in regards to stop sign and/or caution light on Imperial Drive (corner of Main Avenue) (Councilman Gallucci, Councilman McAllister)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Safety: Move to Withdraw by sponsor, Travis
Action: Motion to Withdraw
Moved by: Gallucci
Seconded by: McAllister
Vote: 9/0

WITHDRAWN

13. PCR-160-16 Claim of Donna Jean Rainville
(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Move to Floor, Travis

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Howe
Action: Hold to 3/6/2017
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: Ladouceur

8:36 PM MOTION FOR A 15 Minute Recess

8:54 PM RESUME Meeting

Action: Move to Amend upon paid receipt of restoration to trees by claimant, City will reimburse up to \$2500.00
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Merolla
Vote: 9/0
Action: Move as Amended
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Merolla
Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-22

14. PCR-8-17 A Resolution requesting that the Purchasing Agent update the list of vendors who receive requests for bids and RFP's
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

15. PCR-9-17 A Resolution requesting that the Finance Department provide the City Council a monthly cash flow report on Budget Code 499-0430 for lease purchase (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **Move to pending File at request of sponsor**

16. PCR-13-17 A Resolution opposing the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burriville, RI (Councilman Rix, Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Move to floor, McAllister
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Rix
Action: Move to Amend
Moved by: Rix
Seconded by: Merolla
Vote: 9/0
Action: Move as Amended
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Rix
Vote: 4 (Gallucci, Merolla, Rix, Travis) /5

FAILS

17. PCR-16-17 A Resolution to the General Assembly requesting a Resolution to National Grid regarding electrical wires near Norton's Marina
(Councilman Merolla, Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

18. PCR-29-17 Bid#2016-230 State of RI Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 3/6/2017**

19. PCR 31-17 Bid#2017-93 State of RI Telecommunications Services Aruba Maintenance Plan & APC UPS Batteries (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 3/6/2017**

9:37 PM MOTION for a 15 minute recess

9:45 PM RESUME Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PCO-2-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16**
(Councilwoman Travis on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 4/3/2017**

2. **PCR-14-17 A Resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation and Amtrak requesting that a fence be erected at the end of Duane Street**
(Councilman Merolla)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 3/20/2017**

3. **PCR-21-17 A Resolution regarding the Community Outreach Educational Committee** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Health, Education, Welfare: Favorable, Howe

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-23

4. **PCR-22-17 A Resolution regarding Buttonwoods Community Center to continue to host current services** (Councilman McAllister, Councilman Corley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Council President Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Gallucci, and Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Health, Education, Welfare: Favorable, Howe

Action: Favorable

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by: Travis, Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-24

5. **PCR-23-17 A Resolution regarding Memorializing the General Assembly to enact Legislation authorizing the City of Warwick to issue not to exceed \$85,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidence of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the City, to fund the capital improvement program for the fiscal years 2018 through 2022.** (Councilman Gallucci on behalf of the Superintendent and School Committee)

Committee Report: Health, Education, Welfare: **Hold Indefinitely, Howe**

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

none

Unanimous Consent for February 22, 2017

none

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Vote: 9/0 VV

Time: 10:25 PM

Next available numbers: PCR-36-17
PCO-3-17

DOCKET SESSION

Ward 4 – Council President Solomon at the request of Mayor Avedisian:

1. An Ordinance Amending 4-13-4 Impound & Boarding Fees – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-3-17**
2. An Ordinance Amending 4-13-4 Dog Licenses & Fines – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-4-17**
3. An Ordinance Amending 4-12 Confinement of Dangerous Dogs – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-5-17**
4. An Ordinance Amending 4-72, 4-73 and 4-75 Rabies Vaccines – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-6-17**
5. An Ordinance Amending 4-48 – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-7-17**
6. An Ordinance Amending 4-113 – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-8-17**
7. An Ordinance Amending 4-19-16 – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-9-17**
8. Aggressive Dog Ordinance – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-10-17**

Ward 1 - Councilman Corley – An Ordinance Rescinding P.L. Ch. 386-516 authorizing the issuance of Bonds of the City for the repair and renovation of School Facilities – HEW Committee – **PCO-11-17**

Ward 2 – Councilman Rix – An Ordinance in regards to “No Parking This Side” to be erected on Second Ave on the South side of the Street – Public Safety Committee **PCO-12-17**

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur :

1. An Ordinance regarding MIS: Sec. 2-21 – Finance Committee – **PCO-14-17**
2. An Ordinance regarding 56-6 to notify Finance Chair and Council President when a 56-6 is requested by any Department Head – Finance Committee – **PCO-15-17**
3. An Ordinance regarding Line Item Transfers – Finance Committee – **PCO-16-17**

Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis at the request of Mayor Avedisian - A Resolution requesting General Assembly Enabling Legislation – Abandoned & Foreclosed Homes – HEW Committee – **PCR-38-17**

Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci – Resolution regarding \$4 million School Bonds – HEW Committee – **PCR-39-17**

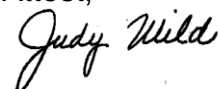
Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla – Resolution in regards to increasing the speed limit signs on Potowomut Road from 15 mph to 25 mph – Public Safety Committee **PCR-42-17**

Referred Business

PCO-21-14 Update and Amend the City of Warwick Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance (Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Ordinance: to pending file until Planning Department has is prepared to present to Council.

Attest,



Judy Wild
City Clerk