

Approved 10-02-2023

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The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
September 18, 2023
@ 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
Stephen P. McAllister, President

Roll Call: 9/0
Time: 7:03 PM
Salute To The Flag: Foley

McAllister -

1. Remarks, not to exceed five minutes, by Mr. Robert Cote regarding issues directly affecting City government.

**Here to make comments on the front page of Providence Journal,
Ethical behavior – we need to do better**

Received from City Clerk – Gaspee Days Derick Richard – made and displayed disparaging poster – had filmed him taking his dog to the groomer – discipline fell on deaf ears – Mr. Richard now has to defend an additional lawsuit

Sergeant of Arms passed out a handout last meeting a document from U.S. Military – termination from military – record is fair document for any employee to ask for – transparent administration – why was he terminated from the military – refused to sign release form – must be hiding something

General Communications

1. Announcements of Congratulations, Condolences, or Community Events.

McAllister – Congratulations REMO Councilman Howe – President of the lounge at airport 10 years celebrated – CARDI Corp donated furniture – room named after Mr Cardi – Mayor attended

Rix – Eleanor Chadronet – moment of Silence – wife of former Councilman Tom Chadronet

Ladouceur – Bernard Johnson – moment of silence

Travis – Alexander Sinapi – Councilman Sinapi’s grandfather – moment of silence

Howe – Solicitor advised Councilman Howe not to speak under General Communications – regarding Mr Cote’s comments

Executive Communications

None

- A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:
September 6, 2023**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley**
Vote: **vv**

Public Comment

RULE 41 After General Communications and prior to the Consent Calendar at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council each month, there shall be a period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, 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 not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Comments need to be brief in order to allow as many citizens as possible to participate. Each citizen signed up and present shall have not to exceed five (5) minutes to speak, provided, however that if more than six (6) Citizens are signed up and present the thirty (30) minutes will be split evenly amongst speakers. Time shall not be transferable amongst speakers.
- 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 the earlier of all speakers concluding their allotted time or thirty (30) minutes. Waiver of this provision requires a unanimous vote of the Council.

Cindy Wilson – interesting to challenge Mr Cote reconsider and table the School legislation – owns home – step back and reconsider

Mike DeSalvia – email facts / myth email from superintendent we were promised a walking track – we won't get air conditioning – how is that 21st century? Warwick School Department destroyed buildings with neglect

Michelle Landrie – Science Department Chair at Toll Gate speaking for students of Warwick – current schools cannot support – Bunsen burners can't be used – gas goes through too many rooms – used \$200 of her budget to use butane burners

Sean Galligan – Warwick School Committee – parent of three – financial impacts will vary house to house this is an investment in our community – computer 2017 evaluated by a company – financial irresponsible to renovate we need to rebuild

Alex Torres – ward 2 – supports – daughter attends Toll Gate – cannot support children – we need to upgrade – find \$3 million to put air conditioning in schools

Barry Cook – President Warwick Taxpayer – standing in line for one hour – resolution is fraudulent and improper – no vote on issue – members of Taxpayers want answers

Rob Cote – reiterate – not against schools against the inaccurate information provided to residents – must sharpen your pencil – not against – we want what we voted for – clarify your documents

Jim Italiane – we have been pawned – what we voted on is not what we are getting

Darlene Netcoh – home owner taxpayer – let's not forget the voters voted for 2 new schools – state gives 55% reimbursement – if you do not vote to pass it's a slap in the face - half of Toll Gate has no windows – students cannot learn – Pilgrim cannot have more upgrades – vote yes!

Robin Cardiff – urge to vote no – we do not need new schools – we cannot afford this right now – we just cannot afford two – please vote no – bait & switch

James Areson – since 1972 58-41 votes voted – no bait & switch here – expecting you to deliver these schools – you represent the people – no surprise – all knew question on ballot – people of Warwick want this – do your job and represent the people of Warwick

Cheryl Adessi –Hoxsie when it was new – Pilgrim in 1981 – Toll Gate last year – Band-Aids just won't help anymore

Chris Barker – sold a false bill of goods – requests the table vote – until school & City stop using children's future

Darilyn Gorton – 4 generations in house – shame on you if you don't vote – 82 year old mother- City of Warwick used to be great – teacher hopes to retire before built – schools are not 21st century – bad decision after bad decision – families will not come back unless we do the right thing

Liz Noren – ward 7 – taxpayer 26 year veteran in Warwick – majority of day in a box with no access to light – taxpayers voted – please vote to release the bond money

Tim Howe – ward 3 less than half of 1% - decision people make to commit to military career – Ladouceur Marines – McElroy USAF – Military discharged all the time – zero courage to go on a computer

7:50 PM

1. Consent Calendar –

1. PCR-101-23 Resolution Relative to Bids (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Foley**

Adopted R-23-88

Consent calendar vote: **9/0**

Unfinished Business

(Items to be considered may include second passage of ordinances not tabled, first passage of ordinances not tabled, resolutions, reports of committees on items referred and previously tabled, removal of items from the table, and action on items removed from the table)

1. PCR-92-23 Julitza Reyes Claim (Councilman Foley)

Committee Report (Public Safety): **Hold 10-2-23**

Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Howe - Motion to close Public Comment

Seconded by: Foley, McElroy

Vote: vv

New Business

- 1. PCR-99-23 Resolution authorizing the City of Warwick to issue not to exceed \$350,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the Construction, Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Landscaping, Furnishing and Equipping of two new High Schools and school facilities to replace Pilgrim High School and Tollgate High School, and all attendant expenses including, but not limited to, Demolition, Engineering and Architectural costs, subject to approval of State Housing Aid at a Reimbursement rate or State Share Ratio of not less than 45% at the time of issuance and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by the amount of certain grants received from State Bond proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority** (Council President McAllister, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart)

Committee Report (Finance): **To Floor with Public Comment**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Travis, Foley, McElroy, Rix, Howe, Gebhart**

Vote: **8/1 (Ladouceur)**

Adopted R-23-89

2. **PCR-100-23 A Resolution authorizing the waiver of conditions on ARPA Funds provided to the Warwick School Department in the FY 2024 Budget and allocating the increased State Aid for the education to the School Committee's account without a reduction to the \$1.0 Million ARPA Contribution** (Council President McAllister)

Committee Report (Finance): **To Floor with Public Comment**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Rix**

Seconded by: **Sinapi, McElroy**

Vote: **6/3 (Gebhart, Ladouceur, Travis)**

Adopted R-23-90

Unanimous Consent

All Pass

Motion to Adjourn: **Travis**

Seconded by:

Vote: **vv**

Time: **11:00 PM**

Next Available Numbers: **PCR-102-23**
PCO-20-23

Docket Session

Howe – Ordinance Union Benefits

McElroy – Resolution in regards to erecting a Stop Sign on Williston Rd where it abuts Community Rd

McElroy – Resolution – Tax Title Mawney Ave

McAllister – Ordinance in regards to No Parking signs from the intersection of Staples Ave & Midgley Ave eastbound all the way to 70 Staples Ave

McAllister – Resolution in regards to RI General Law 44-7-14 Uncollectible Taxes

11:03 PM

Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn D'Abrosca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "D'Abrosca" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn D'Abrosca
City Clerk

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