

Minutes Approved
February 1, 2016

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
For
January 4, 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: 7:14 PM

Salute To The Flag: Councilman Gallucci

Executive Communications

General Communications –

1. Ward 6 Council President Travis - Wishes everyone a Happy New Year...and thanks Councilman Gallucci for stepping up to the plate during her time of injury.

Motion -Ward 1 – Councilman Colantuono – Motion to Suspend Rules to allow Chief Armstrong to speak

Action: Suspend Rules

All in favor 9/0 VV

Chief Armstrong will be retiring this month after 35 years of service and 4 ½ years as Chief of the best Department in the Country. It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve this City. He will turn over duties on January 24, 2016 to newly appointed Chief James McLaughlin and Assistant Chief David Moss. In closing he thanks Mayor for the opportunity to serve as Chief and to City Council that he has had the privilege of working with for last 10 years. He moved Council Solomon during flood by way of backhoe He is very proud of new Fire Station 10 which Councilman Merolla now calls the Armstrong Arena, and of all his firefighters. He thanks each and every one of the firefighters and Local 2748 Executive Board for their professionalism and support. Chief Armstrong would like to thank his wife and daughter for their support during his tenure and this tough decision.

Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis – I have to say it's with sad heart, that she has to say, she hates to see him leave and will surely miss him and wishes him good luck in whatever Chief Armstrong choses to do.

2. Ward 1 – Councilman Colantuono - Thanks Chief for everything he has done for him and ever member of his Ward. Chief has always been very accessible and he thanks Chief's wife and daughter for their support of Chief. Chief has done an outstanding job and Councilman thanks him for his leadership and wishes him best of luck in whatever he does.

3. Ward 3 – Councilwoman Vella- Wilkinson - Wanted to add her comments, wishing Chief well and congratulates him for his years of service. She always appreciated Chief's honesty. He has always given straight facts. When the micro-burst hit on 08-04 she appreciated the contact from the Chief. Between Chief and Kenny Picozzi she was able to keep her constitute informed. Thanks him for his exemplified service. Wishes Chief fair winds and following seas.

4. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla - I too want to thank Chief and to say the nice thing about Chief is whether he agreed or disagreed they have been able to move on. He says to new Chief and all Dept. Heads it is not easy for Council members to question them. Try and make life better for everyone, in particular with Station 10 since 2004 and sat on many committees and kept at it. Although Chief Armstrong did a great job for Warwick he has to careful when he drive thru East Greenwich since they lost income and it was a windfall for City of Warwick. He appreciates all the help that he gave Ward 9 with the development of Station 10. The new sign Armstrong Arena will be up shortly and is a testament to Chief Armstrong's hard work.

5. Ward 4 – Councilman Solomon: Short and sweet - Chief Armstrong I grade you an A for the 10 years you have come before council, you have done a great job for the City and the department, and he hopes new Chief can do as well.
6. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur - Chief I also would like wish you well and farewell, luck in your retirement. Your communications have been very helpful. Good luck Chief.
7. Ward 7 – Councilwoman Usler - Wants to say congratulations and good luck on your retirement. She thanks him for making her feel a part of the team. Always explained everything and she wishes him the best for his retirement.
8. Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci - We go way back 35 years and he appreciates all you have done for the City, yourself and your family. Congratulations and much happiness in your retirement.
9. Ward 2- Councilman Chadronet - Congratulates Chief for a job well done. Because of your leadership with the Warwick Fire Department the City has been a safe place to live.
10. Ward 6 Council President Travis - Chief gave updates right up to this week. Always in touch with her and she hopes that this continues with new Chief. Again good luck with everything you do.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. December 14, 2015

Moved by: Colantuono
 Seconded by: Usler, Vella-Wilkinson
 Vote: 9/0 VV

ACCEPTED

1. Announcement of Appointments –

Planning Board

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Jeffrey G. Robert
4 Vera Street
Warwick, RI 02886
Vice: Laura A. Pisaturo | Ward 7
Expires January 1, 2020 |
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Board of Public Safety

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| 1. Leslie Walaska-Baxter
254 Randall Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889
Re-appointment | Ward 5
Expires January 1, 2019 |
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2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –

Zoning Board of Review

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| 1. Paul Wyrstek
99 Brownlee Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02886
Re-appointment | Ward 7
Expires January 1, 2021 |
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Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable
 Moved by: Usler
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Vella-Wilkinson
 Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

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| 2. Mark P. McKenney
22 Eleventh Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
Re-appointment | Ward 6
Expires January 1, 2021 |
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Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

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

ACCEPTED

Wildlife and Conservation Committee

1. Raymond Meunier
243 Hillard Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
Re-appointment
- Ward 7
Expires January 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Usler, Colantuono, Chadronet
Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

2. Carl Bergden
116 Benbridge Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888
Re-appointment
- Ward 2
Expires January 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Chadronet
Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur, Gallucci
Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

Tree Warden

1. Daniel Conley
185 Whipple Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889
Re-appointment
- Ward 5
Expires January 1, 2017

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Gallucci, Chadronet, Colantuono
Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

Historic Cemeteries Commission

1. Michelle Place Gleason
77 Old Forge Road
Warwick, RI 02818
Re-appointment
- Ward 9
Expires January 1, 2019

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

ACCEPTED

Board of Canvassers

1. Susan Abramson
22 Beachwood Drive
Warwick, RI 02818
Re-appointment
- Ward 9
Expires January 1, 2022

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono
Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

Sewer Authority

1. Gary C. Jarvis
33 Black Creek Lane
Warwick, RI 02888
Re-appointment – Minority Appointment
- Ward 1
Expires January 1, 2021

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

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

Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

3. Consent Calendar –

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

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci

ADOPTED R-16-1

Council requests MIS director to appear 1/20/2016. Chief of Staff Picozzi will have him appear.

2. PCR-2-16 Resolution Relative to Claims

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable with recommendation to hold one claim,
Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Colantuono

ADOPTED R-16-2

3. PCR-3-16 Resolution Relative to Abatements

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

NONE

4. PCR-4-16 Resolution Relative to Traffic Studies

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono

ADOPTED R-16-4

5. PCR-5-16 Resolution Relative to Street Lights

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono

ADOPTED R-16-5

6. PCR-6-16 Resolution Relative to Congratulations and Condolences

(Councilman Colantuono)

Committee Report: Community Affairs: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Chadronet

ADOPTED R-16-6

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **PCO-16-15 An Ordinance regarding military time for Warwick Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Employees**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Second Passage

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Chadronet, Colantuono

Vote: 7/0/2 Travis, Merolla abstain

ADOPTED O-16-1

2. **PCO-10-15 Acceptance of Tax Payment a/o date of Post Mark**

(Councilman Merolla)

First Passage

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 2/1/2016

3. **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 – Move to Pending File per Council Rule 30

Committee Report: Ordinance: Move to pending at request of sponsor, Gallucci
MOVED TO PENDING FILE

4. **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 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

5. **PCO-25-15 License Consolidation for Arts & Crafts Event Vendors**

(Councilman Solomon)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 2/1/2016

6. **PCR-150-15 A Resolution Requesting the Warwick School Committee, The School Department Personnel Director and the Mayor to appear before the Warwick City Council November 23, 2015** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

7. **PCR-162-15 A Resolution in regards to rescinding the contract of Solar Flair (Solarize Rhode Island, PCR-137-15) because they are not registered/licensed in the State of Rhode Island to conduct business.**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 2/1/2016 at request of sponsor

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PCO-1-16 An Ordinance Relative to Illicit Discharges to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 2/1/2016 at request of sponsor

2. **PCO-2-16 An Ordinance Relative to Soil Erosion, Sediment Control, and Post-Construction Storm Water Control** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 2/1/16 at request of sponsor**

3. **PCO-3-16 An Ordinance in Regards to Restricted Parking on Ogden Avenue** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Gallucci, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

TO SECOND PASSAGE 2/1/2016

4. **PCR-7-16 School Committee request for documents related to the Ragosta Report** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 7/2 Merolla, Solomon

ADOPTED R-16-7

5. **PCR-8-16 A Resolution Relative to Authorize the Mayor to Apply for a Preserve America Designation for the City of Warwick** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian, Council President Travis)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-16-8

6. **PCR-9-16 A Resolution Requesting a Comprehensive Audit be Conducted in Preparation for the FY2017 Budget Hearings** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor**

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

none

Unanimous Consent for January 4, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Vote: 9/0

Time: 8:27 PM

Next available numbers: **PCR-10-16**
PCO-4-16

DOCKET SESSION

Councilman Solomon:

1. Ordinance – Dishonorable Service Ordinance
Ordinance Committee **PCO-4-16**
2. Ordinance – Corporate Certificate of Good Standing – Amendment – Purchasing
Finance Committee **PCO-6-16**

Councilwoman Usler

1. Resolution – A Forensic Audit
Finance Committee **PCR-10-16**
2. Ordinance – Council/Mayor Term Limits
Ordinance Committee **PCO-5-16**

Attest,

Judy Wild
City Clerk