

Minutes Approved  
August 21, 2017

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Business / Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
July 17, 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:** 7:30 PM (Committee Meetings recessed to open Council Meeting)

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Howe

*Resolution of Commendation and Gratitude read by Councilman Rix and presented to Connor Devine and Peter Lambrechts by Council President Solomon for their acts of bravery and heroism in the March 5<sup>th</sup> knife attack at Rite Aid. Councilman Rix names Alyssa Garcia, Connor Devine, Stanley Bastien, Peter Lambrechts, Sgt. Margaret McKay and Officer Jill Marshall as heroes.*

**7:40 PM Resume Committee Meetings**

**8:08 PM Resume Council Meeting**

**Executive Communications**

**Quarterly Reports moved after Consent Calendar**

**General Communications –**

1. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon - The last month has been difficult with many losses. Asks for a moment of silence for Mayor Eugene McCaffrey. He will be delivering a Resolution of Condolence to the family on behalf of the entire council.
2. Ward 3 – Councilman Howe: Has been working on the flooding and potholes on Lake Shore Drive since April. Asked the city for a temporary fix and got nothing. Even reached out to the National Guard. He commends the residents for their patience and ingenuity in filling the pothole with gravel on their own. People are driving on one resident's grass to avoid this. Has an emergency purchase order for concrete to fill the pothole. With all the letters, phone calls and e-mails regarding this, still nothing has been done and he is furious.
3. Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis: School committee tabled money for air conditioning which has already been bought and installed at Gorton Jr. High. They purchased new furniture and overbought tiles. They don't care about taxpayer money.
4. Ward 2 – Councilman Rix: Regarding flooding in Ward 2, particularly Norwood Field. It is a man-made problem. The drainage system under the field is blocked. The city loses recreation revenue and the residents can't enjoy use of the field. Homeowners are having basement flooding. Residents have come together and remained resilient. Have been enjoying food truck nights and will be holding an upcoming free movie night featuring Batman.
5. Ward 7 – Councilman McAllister: Requests a moment of silence for Susan Rooney, who passed away on June 21, 2017. She was a special education teacher in Warwick and Cranston for 30 years.
6. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Adds that Susan Rooney was also the wife of former recreation director, Michael Rooney; sister to Senior Service's Gloria Fairbanks, and mother to Golden Apple recipient, Vanessa Rooney.
7. Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci: Will call for a meeting between the State of Rhode Island, National Grid, DPW, Kent County Water Authority and the police. They need to work together. National Grid only patches on state roads and they are not going to hold. We require curb-to-curb.
8. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: Sympathizes with pothole and drainage issues. \$2.4 million was put in the budget for road resurfacing, but was not all spent as purposed. Tollgate/Impossible Dream food truck night has been very successful. The

Greenwich/Narragansett Bay Regatta drew hundreds of people to Warwick and East Greenwich with 70 sailboats racing. It was a great event to bring in and offer to the community.

9. Ward 1 – Councilman Corley: On July 20 at 7:00 p.m. the Warwick Sewer Authority will hold an informational session on the Governor Francis Phase III sewer project at the Pilgrim Senior Center.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meetings held on:

1. May 26, 2017 Special Budget Meeting

Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0 VV

2. May 30, 2017 Special Budget Meeting

Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0 VV

3. May 31, 2017 Special Budget Meeting

Moved by: Howe  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0 VV

4. June 3, 2017 Special Budget Meeting

Moved by: Howe  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0 VV

**MINUTES ACCEPTED**

**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.

**No Comments from the Public**

**Referred Business**

1. **PCO-33-17 An Ordinance Relative to the Abandonment of a Portion of Arnolds Neck Drive, Duncan Ley & Christopher Ley, Petitioners**  
(Councilman McAllister)

**Public Hearing, First Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Move to Floor for Public Hearing, Corley

Action: Open Public Hearing  
Moved by: McAllister  
Seconded by: Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0 VV

Speaking for: Atty. Joseph Brennan for Petitioner

Speaking against: Richard St. Jean – 209 Arnolds Neck Road  
John Greene – 300 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – Consultant to DPW

Motion to close the P.H.: McAllister  
Seconded by: Travis, Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0 VV

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 8/1 (McAllister)

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 8/21/2017**

2. **PCO-34-17 An Ordinance Relative to the Abandonment of a Portion of Staples Avenue, Duncan Ley & Christopher Ley, Petitioners**  
(Councilman McAllister)

**Public Hearing, First Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Move to Floor for Public Hearing, Corley

Action: Open Public Hearing  
Moved by: McAllister  
Seconded by: Travis  
Vote: 9/0 VV

Speaking for: Attorney Joseph Brennan for Petitioner

Speaking against: NONE

Motion to close the P.H.: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0 VV

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 8/1 (McAllister)

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 8/21/2017**

1. **Announcement of Appointments – none**

2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation –**

**Land Trust Commission**

1. Vanessa Venturini  
152 Hanover Street  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Vice: Tim Howe  
Ward 3  
Term to Expire: May 1, 2018

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Howe  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

2. Robert Germani, Jr.  
129 Chapmans Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Vice: Christopher D'Ovidio  
Ward 7  
Term to Expire: May 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: McAllister  
Seconded by: Howe, Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

## **Historic District Commission**

1. Michael J. Carroll  
349 Promenade Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Vice: Jennifer M. Siciliano

Ward 6  
Term to Expire: April 1, 2020

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Travis  
Seconded by: Gallucci, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

### **3. Consent Calendar – Bids and Claims voted on separately**

#### **1. PCR-106-17 Resolution Relative to Bids** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-80 (Bid 2018-069)**

#### **2. PCR-107-17 Resolution Relative to Claims** (Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis (3 claims held to 8/21, 1 hold to 9/6, 1 assigned a PCR)

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Travis  
Seconded by: McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-81**

#### **Consent calendar vote:**

#### **REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. PCR-110-17 Bid 2011-289 State of RI Commercial Industrial Equipment & Supplies**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**2. PCR-111-17 Bid 2017-086 Purchase Firearms**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**3. PCR-112-17 Bid 2017-190 Ballistic Vests for Police Officers**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**4. PCR-113-17 Bid 2018-031 Large Diameter Clamps, Saddles & Couplings**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**5. PCR-114-17 Bid 2018-034 Photography Supplies & Printing**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**6. PCR-115-17 Bid 2018-044 Paper Products**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**7. PCR-116-17 Bid 2018-057 Quick Pro Dry or Equal**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

8. **PCR-117-17 Bid 2018-058 Rebuilding or Rebuilt Exchange Transmissions**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
9. **PCR-118-17 Bid 2018-060 Tire Repairs & Recapping**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
10. **PCR-119-17 Bid 2018-061 Security System Monitoring & Maintenance**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
11. **PCR-120-17 Bid 2018-062 Quarterly Fire Alarm Panel Inspection & Testing**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
12. **PCR-121-17 Bid 2018-063 Maintenance & Repair Thayer & Warburton Ice Plant**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
13. **PCR-122-17 Bid 2018-064 HVAC Maintenance & Repair Contract for City Owned Buildings**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
14. **PCR-109-17 Bid 2018-070 Police 2017 Recruitment Drive**  
  
Committee Report: Finance: Favorable to Amend, Ladouceur  
Action: Favorable to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Action: Move to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0  
Action: Move as Amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-82**

15. **PCR-123-17 Bid 2018-071 Building Official Software Maintenance & CAMA Contract**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017
16. **PCR-124-17 Bid 2018-072 Municipal City Software Annual Maintenance, Support & Upgrades**  
Committee Report: Finance: HOLD to 8/21/2017

**17. PCR-125-17 Claim Judith Biernacki**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Travis  
Seconded by: McAllister  
Vote: 8/0/1 (Corley abstains)

**ADOPTED R-17-83**

**Quarterly Reports**

1. **Dan O'Rourke - Water Department to Report in August**  
*Council President requests a moment of silence for Raymond O'Rourke, who passed away July 1, 2017. He was the father of Dan O'Rourke, Division Chief of the Warwick Water Division.*
2. **Carlos Zambrano – MIS – Presented Report**
3. **Janine Burke-Wells– WSA – Presented Report**
4. **Eric Earles – Engineering to Report in August**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-5-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-12 Confinement of Dangerous Dogs**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Travis, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-15**

2. **PCO-6-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-72, 4-73 and 4-75 Rabies Vaccines**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Travis  
Seconded by: Merolla  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-16**

3. **PCO-7-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-48**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Travis  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-17**

4. **PCO-8-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-113**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Travis  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-18**

5. **PCO-9-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-19-16**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Rix  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-19**

**6. PCO-26-17 Ordinance Amending No Parking on Second Ave (PCO-12-17)**  
(Councilman Rix)

**Second Passage**

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

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-20**

**7. PCO-31-17 Prohibition of Sale of Store Sales of Dogs and Cats**  
(Council President Solomon, Councilman Rix, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman McAllister, Councilman Merolla, Councilman Howe, Councilman Corley, Councilman Gallucci)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Howe, Travis, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-21**

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

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 9/6/2017**

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

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 9/6/2017**

**10. PCO-19-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 52 of the Code of Ordinances – Death of Other Retired Police Officers and Firefighters**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 9/18/2017**

**11. PCO-20-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 46 Hawkers & Peddlers**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**12. PCO-27-17 Ordinance in Regards to Change in Variance to Support Small Business in Residential Homes** (Councilman Howe)

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**13. PCO-28-17 Sub A Ordinance in Regards to Recreational Off Road Vehicles**  
(Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**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, Councilman Howe, Councilman McAllister)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, McAllister

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Merolla  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-84**

**15. PCR-82-17 Resolution Suggesting DPW and MIS Study Providence's Mobile App to Improve Services and Reduce Damage Claims** (Councilman Rix)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Health, Education and Welfare: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**16. PCR-93-17 Bid 2017-093 State of RI Telecommunication Services Aruba Maintenance Plan & APC UPS Batteries** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**17. PCR-94-17 Bid 2017-147 State of RI Telecommunication Services/Installation & Parts** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PCO-32-17 An Ordinance in Regards to No Parking on East Side of Hargraves Street** (Councilman Rix)

**First Passage**

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

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 8/21/2017**

**2. PCR-101-17 A Resolution to the Rhode Island Federal Congressional Delegation and Amtrak Requesting that the Fence along the Railroad Tracks in Warwick be Repaired to Prevent Access to the Railroad Tracks** (Councilman Rix, Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, McAllister

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Rix  
Seconded by: Merolla  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-85**



3. **PCR-102-17 A Resolution Increasing the Exemption for the Jewish Home for the Aged** (Councilman Gallucci)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **HOLD TO 9/18/2017**

4. **PCR-103-17 A Resolution to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to Designate the Traffic Island at Post Road and Cowesett Road as an Adopt a Spot Location** (Councilman Merolla, Councilman McAllister)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, McAllister

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: McAllister

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-86**

5. **PCR-104-17 A Resolution Requesting Issuance of an RFP for Rodent Extermination Services** (Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Corley)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Rix

Seconded by: Howe

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-87**

6. **PCR-105-17 A Resolution Requesting an Additional Inspector be Hired in the Property Maintenance Division** (Councilman Rix)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD TO 8/21/2017**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for July 17, 2017**

No Objections

1. **PCR-108-17 A Resolution Relative to Placing Stop Signs on Samuel Gorton Avenue at the Intersection of Tidewater Drive** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Merolla, Howe

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-88**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Seconded by:** Travis, McAllister

**Vote:** 9/0 VV

**Time:** 10:30 PM

**Next available numbers:** ~~PCR-109-17~~ ~~PCR-126-17~~  
~~PCO-35-17~~

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur

Ordinance requiring the purchasing agent to update the list of vendors –  
Ordinance Committee – **PCO-35-17**

Ordinance regarding Munis Report be provided to entire Council – Ordinance  
Committee – **PCO-36-17**

Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis

Resolution in regards to the installation of a Stop Sign/Stop Bar at the southwest  
corner of Taplow Street – Public Safety Committee – **PCR-126-17**

Resolution to RIDOT in regards to tree trimming on Main Ave & West Shore  
Road – Intergovernmental Committee – **PCR-127-17**

Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Wild". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Wild  
City Clerk