

Minutes Approved
March 7, 2016

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
February 17, 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: 7:09 PM

Salute to the Flag: Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson

Executive Communications

General Communications -

1. Councilman Solomon – He would like general communication too try to shake up national anthem and play Lady Gaga next time.
2. Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson - Very pleased to announce the Governor had a press conference in Warwick this afternoon at Armory and has appointed a new Director of Veterans Affairs, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kasim Yarn, historical appointment for the state of Rhode Island, one of the 1st things he did was to make a pledge to work from the ground up and on top of that the City of Warwick was very well represented during press conference because we are noted for our support of the Veterans. Congratulations to everyone that is here and to our Representatives and Senators.
3. Councilman Solomon – He would like to congratulate the selection committee that was put together in search of that candidate and he would hope that the fact he was in the Navy had no bearing on selection, he knows that one of his colleagues was from that branch.
4. Councilman Merolla - Two Fridays ago his family had fire at wife's grandmother's house in Greenwood, 93 years old, had dyer fire and scrambled around looking for her cat, her friend called Friday dept. and he would like to thank all three departments for responding. Officer picked her up and carried her out and got her cat. The house was a complete loss. The Fire Dept. had tough situation with live wires in the house and they had fire popping up throughout the house and finally Nat'l Grid came and shut off the power. Everything was taken care of, Grandmother, went to hospital and is okay now. DPW showed up and he wants to on behalf of his family thank all three departments for their professionalism. Thank you.
5. Councilman Ladouceur - He would call it something different then wherewithal to go into that building.

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. Philip D'Ercole – Lives on Warwick Pond, he represents the friends of Warwick Pond. They are here to support request for \$50,000.00 by DPW to complete mapping of storm drains in Warwick that is a compliance issue that has been out there for 9 years or longer. They are happy that this proposal has been put forward and hopes that there will be many more to follow. You the City Council and we citizens of Warwick have the opportunity to form legacies for our children and grandchildren and that legacy is clean water.
2. Eugene Nadeau – Vice Chair School Committee –School Resolution not drafted – Comment on the state education funding for the City of Warwick he begged everybody that was elected to address this concern. Warwick has been short changed from state funds \$32,000,000.00 and 21,000,000 less then Cranston receives. They are asking for \$4,000,000 more he testified at state house. We have cancelled one item after another that is for the benefit of our school children because of lack of money. Under the arrangements it is unheard of, closing and consolidations. They are working hard the five of them, school committee; they are doing the moves with common sense and respect. He wants Council to know that it is difficult work. On a side note he thinks that the stripping of Representative Solomon Jr. from his assignments at state house is a disgrace.
3. Dean Johnson – Ward 2 – Thank you for allowing him to speak. He would like to thank City Council and Mayor for putting forth the olive branch to pay the school bonding. He would like Council to think about increasing funding for schools and building new schools. I implore you also in the future to pay more of the bond so that more money can go into the maintenance of the schools.
4. Sean Rainey - PCR14-16- school bonding – he believes it is important for the city to show support for schools and more importantly it shows that the City Council supports the taxpayers and the Warwick school children. The City Schools are aging and will need funded. Many are in favor of PCR14-16.

1. Announcement of Appointments – none

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none

3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-24-16 -Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson
Action: Favorable (2016-13 withdrawn)
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci

Adopted R-16-17

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PCO-7-16 An Ordinance relative to Building Fee Revisions
(Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 3/21/2016**

1. **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 3/21/2016 at request of sponsor**

2. **PCO-28-15 Tax Stabilization Agreement for Intermodal District**
(Councilman Merolla, Councilman Solomon)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 4/11/2016 at request of sponsor**

3. **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: **Move to pending file at request of sponsor**

4. **PCR-14-16 A Resolution relative to School Bonding**
(Council President Travis, Councilman Colantuono, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 3/7/2016 at request of sponsor**

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

none

Unanimous Consent for February 17, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Vote: 9/0 VV

Time: 8:05 PM

Next Available Numbers:

PCR-25-16

PCO-8-16

DOCKET SESSION

Councilman Solomon: Resolution –

City Engineering Department to make quarterly appearance before City Council
Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-25-16**

Councilman Merolla: Resolution

MIS to appear before City Council on 6/20/2016

Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-26-16**

Councilman Merolla, all members of Warwick City Council: Resolution

To General Assembly requesting financial incentives to assist Warwick and Rhode Island Businesses with the impact of the tolls **PCR-27-16**

Attest,

Judy Wild
City Clerk