

**CORRECTED**

**See # 11**

Minutes Approved

January 3, 2018

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
November 20, 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:** Gabriel Doyle – Member of Gaspee Plateau Troop working on his merit badge for Eagle Scout.

**Executive Communications**

**General Communications -**

1. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur: Asks that all notice the flag which was presented to himself and Council President Solomon for the entire council by the students of Warwick Neck School at a Veterans Day ceremony at the Warwick Neck Lighthouse. Happy to announce the birth of his second granddaughter Claire.
2. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Extends his congratulations to Councilman Ladouceur. Regarding the Warwick Neck School flag, there was pride in the eyes of each young student and their attentiveness to Veterans Day. It speaks volumes. The hope and innocence of these children comes through in this treasured work of art.

**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. Michael O'Neil: 255 Warner Brook Drive. In February, he called National Grid to fix a streetlight out on his street. National Grid said it needed a pole replacement. He requested Pole #2 also needs a replacement. They said it was red-capped. He asked Councilman Ladouceur for help. He's getting no response from National Grid and it's still not fixed. This section of road has an island of the middle and it's dark and dangerous. He called the DPW. Still had no response from them. Called Mayor's office. Said National Grid would call him. He doesn't want that. He wants help getting it repaired. On Sandy Lane towards St. Kevin's, there are four in a row off. That whole section is dark. Are they red-capped or out. Can the council lend any help. Next he'll go to the media or the utilities commission. There's been a 53% rate increase and we're not getting anything for the money.
2. Rob Cote Ward 7: Believes the Warwick Fire Department is in violation of several state and local laws and is putting the city and taxpayers at risk. He's made APRA requests to the city regarding fire department's policy on substitution or change of shift and he got an answer that no such document exists. He believes it does exist and is titled Form 109 change of shift. He

questioned the chief at the 2017 budget hearings. He was told the forms are disposed of because the document is entered onto accountability sheets. The RI laws of record retention states they are required to be kept for four years. Also, a document from the secretary of state must be filled out requesting the document can be disposed of. There is a fine for violating this law. On April 10, 2017 the city council put forth an ordinance forcing every department to break out sick time from the line item of salary. As of this date, the fire department has not supplied the council with those numbers. During the budget hearings the chief said there were 1,200 sick days, but his letter to Mr. Cote said there were 1,915 sick days. He stated they carry 24 extra floaters to cover vacation days at straight time, but 1,105 vacation days in first quarter were covered at overtime rate. Sees deceptive behavior. Requests the council get a legal opinion on the destruction of documents and failure to comply with PCO 17-17. All parties should be held accountable and a complete forensic audit should be performed on the fire department.

**1. Announcement of Appointments – none**

**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none**

**3. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-192-17 -Resolution Relative to Bids**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

**ADOPTED (R-17-150 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. PCR-193-17 Bid 2018-180 Purchase Various Police Vehicles**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 3/19/2018**

**2. PCR-194-17 Bid 2018-183 Health & Dental Insurance Consultant**

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur  
Action: Unfavorable, requesting to be sent out for re-bid  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**UNFAVORABLE**

**3. PCR-195-17 Bid 2018-189 Repairs to Existing Plymovent Vehicle Exhaust Removal**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 1/17/2018**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Second Passage as Amended**

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

**ADOPTED (O-17-31 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

2. **PCO-29-17 Ordinance Amending Section 18-8 New Beach Fees Schedule**  
(Council President Solomon, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Howe, Councilman Ladouceur on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable to Amend, Merolla

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Travis

Action: Move to Amend

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 9/0

Action: Favorable as Amended

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE AS AMENDED 12/18/2017**

3. **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 1/17/2018 at request of Sponsor**

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

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 2/5/2018**

5. **PCR-139-17 Warwick Sewer Authority – Bond Revocation**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **Move to Pending File, Ladouceur**

6. **PCR-165-17 Sale of Former Christopher Rhodes Elementary School**  
(Councilman Rix on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Committee Report: Public Properties: **Hold to 2/5/2018**

7. **PCR-184-17 Abatements from November 6, 2017**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Move to Floor for Discussion, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED (R-17-151 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

8. **PCR-185-17 Sub A Bid 2018-162B Purchase Various New Tires DPW – Only**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED (R-17-152 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

**9. PCR-186-17 Sub A Bid 2018-167A Original Equipment Manufacturers' Parts for Various Vehicles – DPW Only** (Councilman Ladouceur)

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

**ADOPTED (R-17-153 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

**10. PCR-187-17 Sub A Bid 2018-167C Original Equipment Manufacturers' Parts for Various Vehicles – DPW** (Councilman Ladouceur)

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

**ADOPTED (R-17-154 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

**~~11. PCR-188-17 Sub A Bid 2018-168 Various Replacement Automotive Parts DPW~~**

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(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

**ADOPTED (R-17-155 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

**PCO-45-17 Changing the Zoning Classification of Cowesett Hills Apartment, Cowesett Hills Drive from A-10/PDR to A-10/PDR With a Waiver for Less Than Required Parking** (Councilman McAllister)

**Unanimous Consent for November 20, 2017**  
None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Seconded by:** Merolla

**Vote:** 9/0 VV

**Time:** 8:11

**Next Available Numbers:** ~~PCR-193-17 PCR-196-17~~  
**PCO-46-17**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci – Ordinance Regarding Tax Exemption - Project Undercover  
50 Greco Lane - Health, Education & Welfare Committee – **PCO-46-17**

Attest,



Lyn Pagliarini  
City Clerk

