

Minutes Approved  
October 14, 2015

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
September 21, 2015  
@  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Donna Travis, President

**Roll Call:** 8/0 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Kathleen Usler (absent), Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

**Time:** 7:07 PM

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Ladouceur

**Executive Communications**

**Per PCR-77-15 The Warwick Public Works Director to address the Warwick City Council on the fire that destroyed several trash collection trucks and what if any precautions have been taken to prevent such damage in the future.**

David Picozzi:

Report on Fire that destroyed trash collections trucks & precautions to prevent such damage in future: Should ask Fire Inspector as to report, I have reports but cannot comment on them that should be done by Fire Inspector. Don't know what we can do to prevent them. We only have three of those types of trucks remaining. All trucks have kill switches; drivers are instructed to shut trucks off at night. Drivers are reminded all the time to follow this procedure. There are two reports – 1 Fire Inspector 1 Independent Fleet has to remain in central location due to usage. Vehicles are emptied at end of night. He did not have reports available for Council. Fuel did not cause fires. 1<sup>st</sup> fire had conclusion and 2<sup>nd</sup> fire did not have conclusion. Chief Armstrong the fire marshal & fire inspector responded. He has read report and does not have it available. He does not recall the conclusion as to the fire. He did not see outside report. His department did not make any recommendations as to fire report. 5 trucks destroyed and 3 have been replaced for the cost \$172,000.00 rec'd from insurance cost to taxpayers \$400,000.00 (approx.). 4-2006 and 1 2005.

Ward 9 – requesting reports be given to council.

**General Communications -**

1. Council President Travis -Warwick North Little League not appearing tonight they are responding to Four Season Fire with drive to collect cash, gift cards and slightly used clothing. Also collecting for fire victims is the West Bay Community Action 201-2014 Buttonwoods Avenue, open 8:30 to 4:30 looking for gift cards, cash. Warwick North Little League will collect Mon, Wed & Thurs. 5-9 at West Side Field House at 583 Post Road, phone numbers are available. Fire Station 2 on Post Road is also collecting donations. Please give for hardship from terrible fire. Warwick North Little League will appear before council 10-14.
2. Councilman Solomon – There was tragic incident with fire at Four Seasons it was bad. Commends Firefighters Battalion Chief David Morris for communications to media. There were some injuries. Chief Armstrong and entire department did a terrific job he thanks them. Airport Rd it greats to see fields open but very disappointed with DOT for lack of signals going in and out of park, everyone should be very concerned there is going to be very bad accident. He wants DOT ramp up there operations to see the signals put up and on. It is very dangerous situation that must be rectified.
3. Councilman Ladouceur - Thanks firefighters also and acknowledge Fire Marshall Mike Moretti, he has received communications stating he has done outstanding job. Should not go unnoticed.
4. Council President Travis - Thanks fire department for receiving updated information.

5. Councilman Ladouceur - Presentation to Felix Carlone – on behalf of Council and Mayor Avedisian - served public for 25 years. Member of RI Contractors Registration Board. In January 1990 became 1<sup>st</sup> Chairman and served until he retired for 25 years. Second longest chairperson in entire country. Retired as Chairman of Contractor for NE Tech for 30 years. Second generation builder. Congratulations on Retirement.
6. Councilman Solomon - Presentation to Felix Carlone on behalf of Rep. Solomon District 22 and Resolution from General Assembly with citation by House of Representative. Felix Carlone was ahead of his time, citizen of City of Warwick and involved in the issues of the City as a private citizens. Entire membership extends very best wishes to Mr. Carlone and family.
7. Councilman Ladouceur - Senator Walaska has citation but was unable to attend meeting.

### **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. Rob Cote: Apponaug Circular Project – is a disgrace – numerous code violations, no dust program, should be done daily, health hazard, council not saying word about it, daily sweeping should be done of streets everyday not being done, asphalt is going to collapse. Ward 7 has not addressed issues; material for fill of sidewalks not in code, his neighborhood not happy about it. Nat'l Grid should be held responsible. Writing to Beacon for over a year. No Confidence Vote against School Meeting is an embarrassment. Should be no confidence vote  
Council Body is failure  
Ran Out of Time
2. Nathan Cornell – Sr. at Tollgate HS – Speaking on  
To have these institutions work together, 2 yrs. ago they tried to close High School, he proposed idea realized it was easier said than to get done – PCR- 98-15 will have teachers and school committee together to make sure it is in best interest of students. He approached school committee they did nothing. He found Councilwoman Usler and she helped set up committee that would be in best interest of students. He has support of the Council and he was involved in creation of Resolution. Wants all included in resolutions. The committee is needed so that everyone is united and working in the best interest of students. He asked city council vote in favor of resolution PCR 98-15 – Establishing a Committee for Community Outreach with School Department.
3. Roy Dempsey  
The auditor that was hired by city no longer with us, violation of open meeting, experts to come before the council and nothing is done.  
Warwick Pond picture of boat on body of water looking at map – elected officials trying to determine pollution of pond. Didn't get butts out of boat and on land where action was. People are now living near toxic ponds. Value of homes will not go up. Should be addressed people are reasonable.
4. Richard Corrente:  
Ward 7 – Tues he had meeting with Jennifer Ahearn Head of School Dept. she was warm and gracious He asked about Ragosta Report why city council and mayor don't have copy of report she said there is no written report he believed her. He called Atty Ragosta there is a report he was enraged by School Committee There is a written report from May 2015 that Jennifer Ahearn has. Court reporters have report it was given to Atty Ragosta and Jennifer Ahearn. Ahearn has put children at risk she lied.

**1. Announcement of Appointments – none**

**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –**

**TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD**

1.

Lori Piscopio  
Jefferson Hospitality  
Iron Works Tavern & Hilton Garden Inn  
697 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 3
- (VICE: Joseph Piscopio)

Expires: September 1, 2018

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Solomon  
Vote: 8/0  
**ACCEPTED**

2.

Amiee Turner  
Producing Artist Director & CEO  
Ocean State Theatre Company  
1245 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02886

Ward 8
- (VICE: Chrisanne Tyrell)

Expires: September 1, 2018

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Gallucci  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 8/0  
**ACCEPTED**

3.

Sue Gallagoly  
Director of Sales and Marketing  
Courtyard by Marriot  
55 Jefferson Park Road  
Warwick, RI 02888

Ward 2
- (Re-Appointment)

Expires: September 1, 2018

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Chadronet  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur, Gallucci  
Vote: 8/0  
**ACCEPTED**

**3.Consent Calendar –**

1. **PCR 127-15 -Resolution Relative to Bids**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Gallucci

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED R-15-103**

2. **PCR-128-15 Resolution Relative to Claims**  
(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Denied, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Gallucci  
Seconded by: Colantuono

**FAILED**

Consent calendar vote: 8/0

**PCR-129-15 Bid# 2013-8 Network Connectivity**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-15-104**

**PCR-130-15 Bid# 2016-130 Aerial Ladder**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet, Gallucci  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-15-105**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-12-15** An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition  
Expanding City Centre Zoning Districts, City of Warwick, Petitioner  
(Council President Travis, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Colantuono)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Gallucci  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Gallucci  
Vote: 8/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-15-9**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Move to floor without recommendation,  
**Colantuono to Hold to January 2016 date to be determined**

3. **PCR-48-15 A Resolution to establish a City Charter Review Commission**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Ladouceur, Council President Travis)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by:	Ladouceur, Colantuono
Action:	Move to amend
Moved by:	Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by:	Colantuono
Vote:	8/0
Action:	Move to amend
Moved by:	Solomon
Seconded by:	Colantuono
Vote:	8/0
Action:	Move to amend
Moved by:	Merolla
Seconded by:	Vella-Wilkinson, Ladouceur
Vote:	8/0
Action:	Move as amended
Moved by:	Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by:	Colantuono, Ladouceur, Chadronet
Vote:	8/0

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED R-15-107**

**4. PCR-54-15 Easement on Railroad Row**  
(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Prop/Land Use: Colantuono to HOLD at request of Sponsor  
**Not Drafted**

**HOLD 10/14/2015**

**5. PCR-98-15 A Resolution Establishing a Committee for Community Outreach with School Department**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Gallucci  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED R-15-106**

**6. PCR-99-15 A Resolution requesting the Warwick School Committee Chairperson and School Department Personnel Director to appear before the Warwick City Council**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Colantuono, Chadronet  
Action: Move to amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet  
Vote: 8/0  
Action: Move as amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Colantuono, Chadronet  
Vote: 8/0

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED R-15-108**

**7. PCR-100-15 A Resolution to subpoena the so-called Ragasta Report from the Warwick School Department**

(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet  
Action: Move to amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 7/1 (Merolla)  
Action: Move as amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet  
Vote: 6/2 (Merolla, Solomon)

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED R-15-109**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

1. **PCO-20-15** An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, Sturbridge Home Builders, Inc., Petitioner (Councilman Ladouceur)
2. **PCO-21-15** An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, H.A. Fisher Homes, LLC, Petitioner (Councilman Merolla)
3. **PCO-22-15** An Ordinance relative to the Abandonment of portions of Arnolds Neck Road and Hallworth Drive (Councilwoman Usler)

**Unanimous Consent for September 21, 2015**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Vote:**

**Time:** 10:41

**Next Available Numbers:**

**PCR-129-15**

**PCO-29-15**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson:

Ordinance – No parking, both sides, Wells Ave/Wilbur  
Ordinance Committee PCO-29-15

Ordinance – No parking, north side, Rowe intersection with Wilbur  
Ordinance Committee PCO-30-15

Councilman Ladouceur:

Ordinance – Amend 70-101 Article 4  
Ordinance Committee PCO-31-15

Resolution – Bids, Code, Funds  
Finance Committee PCR-131-15

Attest,

Judy Wild  
City Clerk