

Minutes Approved  
October 14, 2015

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Business Meeting  
For  
September 14, 2015  
@  
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:** 7:15

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Solomon

### **Executive Communications**

#### **General Communications –**

1. Council President Travis announces the passing of Ken Smith, Chairman of the Ward 1 City Democratic Committee. He served the community well. He was a father, a husband and friend and will be sadly missed.
2. Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson adds that Ken was also a member of Odd Fellows, Shriners, and was selected as the State Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year for 2014.
3. Councilman Solomon projects his sorrow for Ken Smith. Ken was his appointee to the Alarm Review Board. Ken leaves behind a wife and son who were very supportive of his public service on federal, state and local level. His condolences go out to Ken's wife and son.
4. Councilman Ladouceur adds his condolences. He comments on the amount of 56-6's that come before the Council and reads the Ordinance.
5. Council President Travis asks for a moment of silence for Ken Smith.
6. Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson thanks all for participation in the 911 Memorial Service at the Oakland Beach Seawall. Thanks members of the City Council, the delegation from the General Assembly, the Mayor, Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea and Father Bob Marciano. Memorial was breathtaking. Wishes Happy New year for those celebrating Rosh Hashanah.
7. Councilman Solomon mentions that we are embarking on the fall season and along with Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson were involved in a difficult summer for residents in the Warwick Pond area. The pond had significant environmental deficiencies and people were unable to use it. The cause must be addressed to all ponds in the city. He wants Warwick to lead the way in preserving the ponds for the future. Thanks Washington delegation for getting a million dollar grant to the City. The new Fire Training Facility may be an option to address boat/marina fire education to owners and marinas. Wants Quonset Air Museum to be in Warwick.
8. Councilman Merolla announces that the Saint Gregory's Annual Feast is this weekend.

#### A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

##### 1. January 8, 2013

Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 7/2 VV (Merolla/Ladouceur)

##### 2. May 29, 2014

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



3. **PCR-113-15 Resolution Relative to Abatements**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable: Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet

**ADOPTED R-15-94**

Consent calendar vote: 8/1 (Merolla)

**PCR-115-15 Bid# 2016-102 Brass Fittings & Valves**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable: Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono

Vote: 7/1/1 (Ladouceur/Merolla abstains)

**ADOPTED R-15-100**

**PCR-116-15 Bid# 2016-123 High-Density Polyethylene Pipe**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable: Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur

Vote: 7/1/1 (Ladouceur/Merolla abstains)

**ADOPTED R-15-101**

**PCR-117-15 Bid# 2016-101 Police Promotional Testing**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable: Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur

Vote: 8/1 (Ladouceur)

**ADOPTED R-15-102**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **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)

Committee Report: Ordinance: Gallucci hold to 10/19/15 at request of sponsor

**First Passage: Not Drafted**

**HOLD 10/19/2015**

2. **PCR-48-15 A Resolution to establish a City Charter Review Commission**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur, Usler, Chadronet

**HOLD 9/21/2015**

3. **PCR-51-15 A resolution requesting that the Planning Department file an application to join the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Community Septic System Loan Program**

(Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Not Drafted**

**HOLD 11/9/2015 at request**

4. **PCR-54-15 A Resolution in regards to an easement on Railroad Row**

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Prop/Land Use: **Not Drafted**

**HOLD 9/21/2015 at request of sponsor**

5. **PCR-90-15 A resolution to establish a short term committee to review OPEB liability funding options** (Councilman Colantuono)  
Committee Report: Finance: Vella-Wilkinson to pending file at request of sponsor  
**Not Drafted**  
**TO PENDING FILE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-16-15 An Ordinance regarding military time for Warwick Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Employees**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)  
Committee Report: Finance: Vella-Wilkinson hold to 10/19/2015 at request of sponsor  
**First Passage – Not Drafted**  
**HOLD 10/19/2015**
2. **PCO-17-15 An Ordinance to establish a policy regarding food shopping by the Warwick Fire Department during their normal working hours.**  
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)  
Committee Report: Ordinance: Gallucci hold to 10/19/2015 at request of sponsor  
**First Passage – Not Drafted**  
**HOLD 10/19/2015**
3. **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)  
Committee Report: Ordinance: Gallucci hold to 10/14/2015 at request of sponsor  
**First Passage – Not Drafted**  
**HOLD 10/14/2015**
4. **PCR-97-15 A Resolution relative to replacing Stop Signs with Yield Signs at the intersection of Namquid Drive and Spring Green Road**  
(Councilman Colantuono)  
Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Chadronet, Usler, Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0  
**ADOPTED R-15-96**
5. **PCR-98-15 Community Outreach with School Department**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Usler)  
Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Colantuono hold to 9/21/2015 at request of sponsor  
**Not Drafted**  
**HOLD 9/21/2015**
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, Vella-Wilkinson, Travis, Usler)  
Committee Report: Intergovernmental: recommend to amend  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono, Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Usler  
**HOLD 9/21/2015**
7. **PCR-100-15 A Resolution to subpoena the so-called Ragasta Report from the Warwick School Department**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Travis, Vella-Wilkinson, Usler)  
Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable Colantuono

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Usler, Chadronet  
**HOLD 9/21/2015**

**8. PCR-101-15 A Resolution relative to placing a crosswalk on Cowesett Road at the intersection of Post Road, repainting existing nearby crosswalks**

(Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Gallucci move to floor for action by sponsor

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

**ADOPTED R-15-97**

**9. PCR-102-15 A Resolution to the General Assembly and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation supporting a ban on the misuse of antibiotics on animals that are not sick** (Council President Travis)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable Colantuono

Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-15-98**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

None

**Unanimous Consent for September 14, 2015**

**1. PCR-114-15 A resolution to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation requesting that the Quonset Air Museum remain at Quonset Point**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council President Travis)

Motion: OBJECTION - SOLOMON

Seconded by:

Vote:

**NO VOTE – ADDED TO DOCKET SESSION**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Vote:**

**Time:** 10:22 PM

**Next available numbers:** PCR-115-15  
PCO-23-15

**DOCKET SESSION**

Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson and Council President Travis:

1. Resolution - RI Airport Corp. – Quonset Air Museum remain at Quonset – Intergovernmental Committee PCR-114-15

Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson:

2. Resolution - Assistive Hearing Devices for Council Chambers  
Public Property Committee PCR-118-15
3. Ordinance – Gas Powered Boats on Sand Pond  
Ordinance Committee PCO-23-15
4. Resolution – To Subpoena Jeff Taylor to appear with binder  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-119-15
5. Resolution – Encourage development of Warwick Lake Association  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-120-15
6. Resolution – Planning Department to provide presentation regarding storm water management and 2007 DEM watershed report  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-121-15

Councilman Solomon:

1. Resolution – Presentation City/State Warwick Ponds  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-122-15
2. Ordinance – Registration & Licensing of drop off containers  
Ordinance Committee PCO-24-15
3. Resolution – Review Bid Vendors and Examination  
Finance Committee PCR-126-15
4. Ordinance – License consolidation for Arts/Crafts event vendors  
Ordinance Committee PCO-25-15
5. Resolution – RIAC to move air museum to Warwick  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-123-15

Councilman Ladouceur:

1. Ordinance – Budget Items, code numbers on budget report  
Finance Committee PCO-27-15
2. Resolution – Change appointment of School Committee  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-124-15

Councilman Gallucci, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson

1. Ordinance – Minimum landscape buffer at Wethersfield  
Ordinance Committee PCO-26-15

Councilman Merolla, Councilman Solomon:

1. Ordinance – Tax Stabilization – Intermodal District  
Finance Committee PCO-28-15

Council President Travis:

1. Resolution – 2016 Council Calendar  
Intergovernmental Committee PCR-125-15

Attest,

Judy Wild  
City Clerk