

**Approved 3-6-23**

**Posted February 23, 2023**

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
February 27, 2023  
@ 7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Stephen P. McAllister, President

**Roll Call:** 8/0 (Foley)

**Time:** 7:04 PM

**Salute To The Flag:** Sophia Cabral 6<sup>th</sup> grader – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee Champion  
will represent the City of Warwick on 3/18/2023 at the State Championship

### **General Communications**

1. Announcements of Congratulations, Condolences, or Community Events.

**Carl Salustio from the Norwood Association to lead the Pledge of Allegiance**

**McAllister – Parking Ban begins at 8:00 PM – Distance Learning tomorrow - Small  
bus Summit 4-7 at Sawtooth on 3/22/23 more information to follow**

### **Executive Communications**

- A. **Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:  
February 6, 2023**  
Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Vote:

## **Public Comment**

**RULE 41** After General Communications and prior to the Consent Calendar at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council each month, there shall be a period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, 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 not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Comments need to be brief in order to allow as many citizens as possible to participate. Each citizen signed up and present shall have not to exceed five (5) minutes to speak, provided, however that if more than six (6) Citizens are signed up and present the thirty (30) minutes will be split evenly amongst speakers. Time shall not be transferable amongst speakers.
- 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 the earlier of all speakers concluding their allotted time or thirty (30) minutes. Waiver of this provision requires a unanimous vote of the Council.

**Robert Cushman – Councilman Howe’s comment on the Mayors Facebook page needs clarification – legislation from 2007 – eliminate lifetime for entire city – Councilmen need to do their homework – puts political career in jeopardy challenges to end lifetime healthcare for elected officials – Former Council people lifetime Retirement Board approved. Stop rubber stamping should be asking specific questions regarding retirement benefits.**

**Robert Cote – Firefighter Contract – more time speaking about yard sales than a \$26 Million contract – 20 years been coming and specific Councilman was shut down. Shameful that his questions were not answered. Obligated to answer in private sector – no one could answer his questions. There’s illegal language in the contract regarding disabilities – Fuel, videotaped 3 hours engine running not doing work – E8 left running violates law at Dave’s Market – Dump truck didn’t have a license plate. Will start naming people and putting faces on camera, Disturbed at Firefighter contract – 2 Council people asleep at contract.**

**Cindy Wilson – Got here at 5:00 has a heart monitor on not easy McAllister and Ladoucuer waste money– threatening letter sent by a firefighter – now scares me – will the Fire Department help me or hold a grudge**

**Michael Zarum – Here to speak on Zone Change passes on Public Comment**

**Donald Fife – Firefighter contract – not against firefighters against higher takes – Can't build a high school at that price – Mr Cushman is a financial consultant – \$1 Billion in debt – Warwick in financial crisis because of healthcare and pensions – Merolla spoke of fiduciary no point of return – Judge Flanders qualifies for receivership community cannot be taxed**

**1. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-21-23 Resolution Relative to Bids (Councilman Howe)**

Committee Report (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur**

Consent calendar vote: **8/0**

**Adopted as amended**

**R-23-20**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PCR-24-23 2023-088 Repairs to E13**

Committee Report (Finance): **Hold until 3-20-23**

## Referred Business

1. PCO-5-23 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick, 281 Associates, LLC, Petitioner Assessor's plat 246, Lots 240, 243, 260 & 261 281 Centerville Road (Councilman Sinapi)

## First Passage – Public Hearing

Committee Report (Land Use):            **Referred to Public Hearing**

Action:            **Recommend Public Hearing**  
Moved by:            **Rix**  
Seconded by:        **Ladouceur**  
Vote: **vv**

Speaking for:  
**K Joseph Shekarchi, Esq. – Sworn in by clerk**  
**Jim Cronin**  
**Michael Zarum**

Speaking against:  
**None**

Action:            **To Close Public Hearing**  
Moved by:        **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Rix**  
Vote: **vv**

Action:            **Favorable**  
Moved by:        **Sinapi**  
Seconded by: **Ladoucuer, Travis, Gebhart, Howe**  
Vote: **8/0**

**First Passage**  
**3-20-23**

## **Unfinished Business**

*(Items to be considered may include second passage of ordinances not tabled, first passage of ordinances not tabled, resolutions, reports of committees on items referred and previously tabled, removal of items from the table, and action on items removed from the table)*

1. **PCO-4-22 (Sub B) An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick to Define, Establish and Classify Districts, Create Administrative Procedures for Short-Term Rental Use of Residential Dwelling Units, and Provide Supplementary Regulations for the Short-Term Rental of Dwelling Units. City of Warwick Petitioner**  
(Councilman Ladouceur and Councilwoman Travis)

### **Second Passage**

Committee Report (Land Use): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**  
Moved by: **Ladouceur**  
Seconded by: **Rix**  
Vote: **8/0**

**Second Passage**  
**O-23-4**

## **New Business**

1. **PCO-18-22 An Ordinance Penalizing Owners or Lessees of Vehicles used to Carry Materials to a place at which they are illegally dumped** (Councilman Howe)

### **First Passage**

Committee Report (Ordinance): **Hold 3-20-23**

Action:  
Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Vote:

**2. PCR-20-23 A Resolution relative to issuing Requests for Proposals for American Rescue Plan Act Community Projects (Council President McAllister)**

Committee Report (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**  
Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Ladoucuer**  
Vote: **8/0**

**Adopted R-23-21**

**Unanimous Consent**  
**All Pass**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Travis

**Seconded by:**

**Vote:** vv

**Time:** 8:22 PM

**Next Available Numbers:** PCR-22-23  
PCO-6-23

**Docket Session**

**Howe – Resolution regarding Avig Easement (Public Properties)**

**Howe – Resolution regarding increase bond authority (Finance)**

**Howe – Resolution regarding RI Airport Install Sound Barrier (Intergovernmental)**

**Ladouceur – Ordinance adopting Harbor Management Plan (Ordinance)**

**Travis – Army Corp Engineers (Intergovernmental)**

**McAllister – Resolution omnibus withdrawals**

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca  
City Clerk

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