

Approved 10-5-2020

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business/ Public Hearing Meeting
For
August 17, 2020
@
@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Merolla, President
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**Recess: Moved by Ladouceur
Time: 9:35 PM – 9:49 PM**

Merolla – Reads in zoom access info and procedures into the records

**Roll Call: 9/0
Time: 9:53 PM
Salute To The Flag: Rix**

Executive Communications

General Communications –

Howe – would like to do this traditionally – recent revelations of ethics and withholding information pertaining to bids, has lost all faith in Council Presidents ability to lead this council and calls for Council Presidents Resignation and would like to go on record w/ that.

Merolla – to answer the issue, which he believes under general communications, is - we have rules here and is going to reserve his comments Mr. Howe – isn't going tit for tat does not feel it is worthy of that issue right now.

Howe doesn't believe tit for tat Mr. President

Merolla well it is. Howe – you were nominated in a public forum and I'm making the statement in a public forum

Merolla – that's fine

Merolla – does not respond – moves on to the meeting

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:
None

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.

Time: 11:02 - NONE

1. Announcement of Appointments – None

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –

Library Board of Trustees

Diane Erban
25 Potters Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
(Vice: Nicole Lautieri)

Ward 7
Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Committee Report: Appointments: **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **McAllister**
Seconded by: **Rix, McElroy**
Vote: **9/0**

Jeff Ursillo
70 Woguagonet Ave.
Warwick, RI 02889
(Vice: Nancy Dorsey)

Ward 6
Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Committee Report: Appointments: **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Travis**
Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**
Vote: **9/0**

Patricia Major
652 Orleans Court
Warwick, RI 02886
(Vice: Mary Johnson)

Ward 1
Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Committee Report: Appointments: **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Corley**
Seconded by: **McAllister**
Vote: **8/0/1 (Sinapi)**

3. Consent Calendar –

1. PCR-71-20 Resolution Relative to Bids (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable as Amended**

Action: **Favorable as Amended**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**
Vote: 9/0

Adopted as Amended
R-20-49

2. PCR-72-20 Resolution Relative to Abatements (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **McAllister Howe**

Adopted
R-20-50

3. PCR-73-20 Resolution Relative to Claims (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Public Safety):

Action:
Moved by:
Seconded by:

Consent calendar vote:

Items removed from the consent calendar

PCR-77-20 2018-247 Neptune Cold Water Meters
Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 9-9-2020

PCR-78-20 2021-093 Maintenance Contract for Xerox
Committee Report: Favorable to Amend

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe

Action Favorable to Amend
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded: McAllister, Howe
Vote: 9/0

Action: Favorable as Amended
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded: McAllister, Howe
Vote: 9/0

**Adopted As Amended
R-20-51**

Referred Business

- 1. PCO-14-20 An Ordinance amending the Zoning of the City of Warwick,
John Dickerson, Petitioner. (Councilman McAllister)**

Public Hearing/ First Passage

Committee Report: (Land Use): **Recommend Public Hearing**

Action: Recommend Public Hearing

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by:

Vote:vv

Speaking For:

Attorney Ed Lawson for John Dickerson (present)

Dave Hilburn, Surveyor

William E. Coyle III – witness sworn in by the Stenographer

Documents marked Exhibit A

William DePasquale

Speaking Against: None

Action: Close the P.H.

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Corley

Vote: vv

Action: Favorable

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by: Rix, Howe, Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

First Passage

Motion to Recess and go back to Committees – Rix

Seconded by: Howe, Ladouceur

Vv

Time: 10:18 PM

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-11-20 Ordinance in regards to approving the financing of the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, equipping, and extension of the City's Sewage Collection System** (Councilman Howe and Councilwoman Travis)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur**

Vote: **8/0/1 (Corley)**

Second Passage

O-20-10

2. **PCO-7-19 – Pension Board** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

3. **PCO-15-19 (Sub A) An Ordinance regarding Health Insurance for City Employees** (Councilman Ladouceur and Council President Merolla)

First Passage, As Amended

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 9-21-2020**

4. **PCO-24-19 Ordinance in regards to one way traffic on Alice Ave.**
(Councilman McAllister)

Second First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **McAllister**

Seconded by: **Sinapi**

Vote: **9/0**

Second Passage

O-20-11

5. **PCO-28-19 – Ordinance in regards to no parking between signs in front of 301 West Shore Road on Sundays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** (Councilman McElroy)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-9-2020**

6. **PCO-29-19 An Ordinance relative to tangible property tax regarding vacant store fronts** (Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

7. **PCO-30-19 Ordinance involving state law regarding unutilized commercial property** (Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 9-21-2020**

8. **PCO-3-20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 1**
(Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Warwick Code of Ordinances, General Administration, which would require the Director of DPW to Present Monthly routine reports to the City Council) (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 9-9-2020**

9. **PCO-4-20 An Ordinance relative to the installation of traffic control signs**
(Would require that the Department of Public Works erect traffic signs within thirty (30) calendar days of a request made by the City Council or the Warwick Police Department) (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-9-2020**

10. **PCO-8-20 Ordinance relative to the Ratification of Teacher Contracts and Support Personal Contracts** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage –Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

11. **PCO-9-20 Ordinance in regards to amending Chapter 40-30, PCO-8-18, Smoking prohibited in public schools and on school grounds**
(Councilman Travis)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-5-2020**

- 12. PCO-10-20 An Ordinance Relative to Amendment of the Warwick Zoning Ordinance: Regulations for the Installation of Solar Energy System**
(Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Land Use): **Hold 9-21-2020**

- 13. PCO-15-20 Ordinance in regards to the installation of a No Parking Sign on Parkside Drive (erected 30 ft south of the intersection of Pleasant View Rd)**
(Councilman Corley)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-21-2020**

- 14. PCO-16-20 Ordinance Relative to Permitting and Regulating Charitable Donation Bins (Councilman Rix)**

First Passage- Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 9-21-2020**

- 15. PCR-182-19 Resolution regarding Lease Cooper Building** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 9-9-2020**

- 16. PCR-195-19 A Resolution relative to creating a Commission to study health insurance benefits** (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-21-2020**

- 17. PCR-11-20 A Resolution relative to repairs to damage at Lippitt Park**
(Requests that the DPW repair the damage caused by a motor vehicle to the sign and entrance at Lippitt Park) (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

- 18. PCR-15-20 – A Resolution relative to school Bonding consideration for the 2020 Ballot** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla, Councilman Corley, and Councilman Rix)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **To Withdraw**

Action: **To Withdraw**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**
Vote: **9/0**

Withdrawn

- 19. PCR-24-20 Resolution requesting that the Department of Public Works address the pot hole, sink hole and drainage issues at the Anglesea Community** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **Corley**
Vote: **5/4**

Adopted

R-20-52

- 20. PCR-29-20 Resolution Memorializing the General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing the City of Warwick to Issue Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and Other Evidences of Indebtedness to Finance the Construction, Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Furnishing and Equipping of Athletic and/or Recreational Fields and Facilities for the City's High Schools Subject to Approval of State Housing Aid at a Reimbursement Rate or State Share Ratios of not less than 35% at the Time of Issuance and Provided that the Authorization shall be reduced by the amount of Certain Grants Received from State Bond Proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority**
(Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

- 21. PCR-38-20 Resolution in regards to erecting a stop sign on Maywood Ave to stop traffic entering onto Beach Ave** (Councilman McElroy)
Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-9-2020**

- 22. PCR-40-20 A Resolution in regards to amending the City Council Rules**
(Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 9-21-2020**

- 23. PCR-41A-20 Resolution addressing Fiscal Request for Education for Fiscal Year 2020-2021** (Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-9-20**

11:33 PM no objection to Rule 33 to Continue – vv

24. PCR-49-20 2020-293 Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Vote: **9/0**

Adopted

R-20-53

25. PCR-57-20 Resolution in regards to erecting stop signs at Winthrop Rd at the intersection of Parkside Drive and Landon Road at the intersection of Parkside Dr. (Councilman Corley)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-21-2020**

26. PCR-62-20 2021-050 Professional Auditing Services (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Vote:

Action: **Favorable to Amend**

Moved: **McAllister**

Second: **Howe**

Vote: **5/4**

Action: **Favorable as Amended**

Moved: **McAllister**

Second: **Howe**

Vote: **6/3**

27. PCR-67-20 Resolution relative to Claims – Michael Ferreira

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-21-2020**

28. PCR-68-20 Resolution relative to Claims – Marc Houle

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-21-2020**

29. PCR-69-20 Resolution relative to Claims – Shawn Lavoie

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-21-2020**

New Business

1. PCO-17-20 An Ordinance regarding vendor procurement

(Councilman Howe, **Corley**, Rix, McElroy, Ladouceur, Travis, McAllister, Sinapi, Merolla)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Ladouceur**

Vote: **9/0**

First Passage

9-21-2020

2. PCR-70- 20 Res in regards to opposition to the RIGA Bills S-2564/Hold-7900, an act relating to Aeronautics – Airports and Landing Fields – Airport Zoning

(Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Corley, Howe, McAllister, Travis**

Vote: **9/0**

Adopted

R-20-55

Unanimous Consent

1. PCR-74-20 – Resolution in regards to erecting stop signs on Armstrong Avenue where it intersects with the following locations: (1) Grimshaw Place, (2) Hackman Place, (3) Worth Street, (4) Crystal Drive and (5) Lockwood Street

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Corley**

Vote: **9/0**

Adopted

R-20-56

2. PCR-75-20 – A Resolution in regard to erecting a stop sign at the intersection of Clifton Avenue and Pain Street (Councilman Ladouceur)

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **McAllister, Corley, Howe**
Vote: **9/0**

Adopted
R-20-57

3. **PCR-76-20 Resolution in Support to 202 – H7408, 2020 – S2071 – An act relating to taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes**
(Councilman Sinapi on behalf of Mayor Solomon)

Action:
Moved by;
Seconded by:
Vote: **9/0**

Adopted
R-20-58

Motion to Adjourn: Travis

Seconded by:

Vote: vv

Time: 11:57PM

Next Available Numbers: *PCR-77-20*
PCO-18-20

DOCKET SESSION

Rix Res to 4 way stop elm/cherry (PS)
Howe Ord no truck Sand Pond/Bucklin (PS)
Howe Res Local Sand pond & Bucklin (PS)
Howe Res Engin to create Buckeye Brooke Project (IG)
Ladouceur Res Yield WS facing North & South (PS)
Ladouceur Res Bayside Sewer Project (Fin)

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca
Acting City Clerk

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