

**Approved
November 1, 2021**

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The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
September 20, 2021
@
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Stephen P. McAllister, President

Roll Call: 8/1(Travis)

Time: 7:03 PM

Salute To The Flag: Gebhart introduces 2021 Leadership RI gives brief overview of the organization

Executive Communications

McAllister announces Solar Ordinance has been continued – Admin to review the legislation and have a meeting

General Communications –

McAllister- Welcomes Paul Wells, a 30 year retiree of the Warwick Police Department's K9 Unit, who is volunteering as the new Sergeant of Arms for the City Council. Paul will be a point person for guests and will assist during the Public Comment period at meetings as well as help the presenters during Public Hearings. The City Council is looking for extra volunteers to assist in the duties of the Sergeant of Arms, those interested are encouraged to reach out to their council person. There will be a new educational opportunity for students who are interested in learning the Legislative side of Government to serve as Deputy Sergeants of Arms. Participants will observe the meetings and assist during them when needed. Students who would like to participate in that program should reach out to their council person as well.

McAllister- Acknowledges the efforts of the City Council and the Mayor's Office in working together to tackle the issue regarding the city's recent garbage pickup difficulties. Commends the Sanitation Division for spending extra hours on the road, working late nights and weekends while at one point seven trucks down. The city will be

purchasing two *new to us* garbage trucks, a 2020 and a 2021 model. Commends Mayor Picozzi for coming to the City Council for approval and allowing the public to speak on it instead of authorizing an emergency 33. The City Council voted 9-0 in support of The Lease Purchasing Program during the Finance Committee meeting and is taking advantage of the historically low interest rates that are under 1% to update fleets for all departments throughout the city.

Howe- Recognizes the two events that were held on September 11th and the members of the council who helped to make them happen. Thanks the community for attending and commemorates Representative Camille Wilkinson for being the primary organizer of the City's 9/11 memorial. Speaks about the astounding turn out at both events on such beautiful, respectful and solemn day. Gives a special thanks to the Bishop Hendricken choir for rendering both ceremonies and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 272 for dedicating the community center to Sgt. Adam S. DeCiccio who was one of the first soldiers deployed after the attacks on September 11th and served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Howe- Requests a moment of silence for Anthony Neary Beverly Halls father who passed away peacefully in his sleep, he was a World War II veteran.

Moment of Silence

Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

August 30, 2021

Moved by: **Gebhart**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur**

Vote: **vv**

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.

Martha Cruciani- Follows up on a vision of a project that her husband had regarding solar panels.

Michelle Komar- Speaks about PCO-6-20 (SUB B) after being denied comment during the committee meeting. States that there is an Open Meetings Act violation pending with the Attorney General and requests that items are correct on the Agenda.

Rob Cote- Yet another secret memo has appeared after three years. States that the Council did nothing about the secret deal in 2013 which he insists is illegal and believes that the council ignores all secret memos. Says the Council members ignored the unanimous decision to hire a CPA to conduct an investigation. A complaint will be made with the Attorney General on his behalf as a result of requesting records that do not exist. States that the Council Members are a party to offense as they “work for us” (members of the community) yet ignore him. Makes it known that he will also file criminal complaints on anyone who does not seek restitution for the criminal offense that the Fire Department engaged in. Reiterates that he will not go away.

1. Announcement of Appointments -

Harbormasters

David McGhie
601A Buttonwoods Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
Vice:

Ward 6
Term to Expire: March 1, 2026

Pawtuxet River Authority

Katie E. DeGoosh-DiMarzio
258 Tennyson Road
Warwick, RI 02888
Vice: Paul DePetrillo

Ward 2
Term to Expire: June 1, 2024

Alicia Nero
17 Fir Glad Drive
Warwick, RI 02886
Vice: Alisa Diaz Richardson

Ward 8
Term to Expire: June 1, 2023

Jennifer Ryan
71 Community Road
Warwick, RI 02889

Ward 4
Term to Expire: June 1, 2022

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –

Tourism Advisory Board

1. Ryan Giviens
Homewood Suites by Hilton
Vice: Bob Ayers
Term to Expire: August 31, 2022

Committee Report: (Appointments): **Favorable**

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

2. Elizabeth Dunton *Acting Director*
Warwick Department of Tourism, Culture & Development
Vice: Karen Jedson
Term to Expire: August 31, 2022

Committee Report: (Appointments): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Gebhart**
Seconded by: **Ladouceur**
Vote: **7/0/1 (Foley)**

3. John J. Goodman
Rhode Island Airport Corporation
Vice: Patti Goldstein
Term to Expire: August 31, 2022

Committee Report: (Appointments): **Favorable**

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

3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-117-21 Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilman Howe)

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

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley, Gebhart**

**Adopted As Amended
R-21-111**

**2. PCR-118-21 Resolution Relative to Abatements
(Councilman Howe)**

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

Action: **Favorable To Amend**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley**
Vote: 8/0

**Adopted As Amended
R-21-112**

Consent calendar vote: **8/0**
Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley, Gebhart, Ladouceur**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**PCR-119-21 2022-177 Remove & Replace Heating/Cooling Units at Police Station
(Councilman Howe)**

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

Action: **Favorable To Amend**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley**
Vote: 8/0
Adopted As Amended
R-21-113

PCR-120-21 2021-109 Various Replacement automotive Parts for Police Department (Councilman Howe)

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

Action: Favorable to Amend	Favorable As Amended
Moved by: Howe	Howe
Seconded by: Foley	Foley
Vote: 8/0	8/0
Adopted As Amended	
R-21-114	

PCR-121-21 Abatements (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Finance): Favorable as Amended 11-516 & 11-508

Action: Favorable to Amend
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Foley
Vote: 7/0/1 (Sinapi)

Favorable As Amended
Howe
Foley
7/0/1 (Sinapi)

Adopted As Amended
R-21-115

Referred Business

1. **PCO-23A-21 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick, RWR Real Estate Investment Group, LLC**
(Council President McAllister)

First Passage, Public Hearing

Committee Report: (Public Properties/Land Use): Favorable Recommend Public Hearing

Action: **To Open Public Hearing**
Moved by: **Rix**
Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur, Foley**
Vote: **vv**

Speaking For:
Joseph Brennan, Esq

Speaking Against:
None

Action: **To Close**
Moved by: **Gebhart**
Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur, Rix, Foley**
Vote: **vv**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Foley**
Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur, Gebhart**
Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

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)

2. **PCO-6-20 (Sub B) An Ordinance relative to Amendment of the Warwick Zoning Ordinances: Regulations for the Installation of Solar Energy Systems**
(Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage, Public Hearing

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-18-2021**

3. **PCO-20-21 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick, Centerville Builders, Petitioner** (Councilwoman Travis)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Public Properties/Land Use): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Foley, Ladouceur, Gebhart**

Vote: **8/0**

Second Passage

O-21-14

4. **PCO-21-21 (Sub A) An Ordinance in regards to the placement of “No Parking Either side” Signs on Baycliff Avenue from Somerset Road to Beachwood Dr., on Lakedell Dr. between Beachwood Dr. and Somerset Road, on Rosedale Ave, on Sawyer Avenue North of Charlotte Drive, on Robert Avenue, on Hale Avenue, On Charlotte Dr. from Robert Avenue to the Easterly End of Charlotte Dr, and A “No Parking This Side” sign on the Southerly Side of Charlotte Dr. from Robert Avenue to the Westerly end of Charlotte Dr.**(Councilman Gebhart)

Second Passage, As Amended

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Gebhart**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe**

Vote: **8/0**

Second Passage

O-21-15

5. **PCO-22-21 An Ordinance in regards to erecting a “No Parking –Boat Loading and Unloading Only” on Robert Ave North of Charlotte Dr.**

(Councilman Gebhart)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Gebhart**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe**

Vote: **8/0**

Second Passage

O-21-16

6. **PCO-17-19 Ordinance relative to Senior & Veteran Exemptions**

(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Councilman McAllister, Councilman Gebhart, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Move to the Pending File**

~~Action:~~ **No Objections- Moved to Pending**

~~Moved by:~~

~~Seconded by:~~

~~Vote:~~

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

First Passage

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 11-1-2021**

8. **PCO-4-21 Ordinance in regards to amending the process and requirements as they apply to individuals claims** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Council President McAllister)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Move to the Pending File**

~~Action:~~ **No Objections- Moved to Pending**

~~Moved by:~~

~~Seconded by:~~

~~Vote:~~

9. **PCO-23-21 Ordinance in regards to 12 “No Parking Either Side May 15th thru September 15th” to be placed on the median on Strand Ave.**
(Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Howe, Gebhart**

Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

10. **PCO-24-21 Ordinance in regards to erecting “No Parking Either Side of Street” signs at the following locations: Bay Ave@ intersection of Stender Blvd/Burr Ave, Bay Ace on pole numbers 2, 3,4,5 and 6, Burr Ave @ Wade Street, No parking here to Corner.** (Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe, McElroy**

Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

11. **PCO-25-21 Ordinance in regards to erecting “Truck and Trailer Parking Only” and “Tow Zone” at the entrance of the Oakland Beach Boat Ramp and get ready area** (Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe**

Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

12. PCO-26-21 Ordinance in regards to erecting “One Way Signs” on Pequot Ave, Heron St. and Overton St at the intersection of Suburban Parkway

(Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe, McElroy**

Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

13. PCO-27-21 Ordinance in regards to “Resident Parking Only” on the following Streets: Wade, Owens, Overton, Hewitt, Crocket, and Burr Street

(Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-18-2021**

14. PCO-28-21 Ordinance in regards to “Tow Zone” on Stender Ave connecting Oakland Beach and Burr Ave (Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Gebhart, Howe, McElroy**

Vote: **8/0**

First Passage

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

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 11-1-2021**

16. PCR-127-20 A Resolution to discuss recommendations of the Chapter 4 Commission, PCR-36-19, Relative to Chapter 4 of the Warwick Code of Ordinances Entitled Animals and Fowl (Councilman Rix and Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 11-15-2021**

17. PCR-34-21 Resolution in regards to leases for City Owned property, terms to include but not limited to rental fees and other considerations.

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 10-18-2021**

18. PCR-39-21 A Resolution Extending a Commission to Examine Possible Means of Tax Relief for Warwick Property Owners through Tax Exemptions and Altering Composition of the Membership of the same Commission

(Councilman Rix)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-18-2021**

19. PCR-41-21 Resolution in regards to establishing a Charter Commission

(Councilman Ladouceur, Travis, Rix)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-18-2021**

20. PCR-42-21 A Resolution in regards to designating a date to be determined Joe Gallucci Day in the City of Warwick

(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilwoman Travis, Council President McAllister, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties/Land Use/Community Affairs):
Hold 10-18-2021

21. PCR-92-21 A Resolution amending the Council Rules; specifically, Rules 6, 15, & 30. (Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-4-2021**

22. PCR-108-21 Resolution in regards to erecting stop signs at the following locations: Wade Street @ Suburban Parkway, Owens Street @ Suburban Parkway, Overton Street @ Suburban Parkway, Burr Ave @ Bay Ave

(Councilwoman Travis)

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

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Foley**
Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur, Gebhart, McElroy**
Vote: **8/0**

Adopted
R-21-116

23. PCR-109-21 Resolution in regards to erecting yield signs to be placed on the middle median where Burr Ave, Wade Street and Owens intersects with Suburban Parkway (Councilwoman Travis)

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

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Foley**
Seconded by: **McElroy, Howe, Ladouceur, Gebhart**
Vote: **8/0**

Adopted
R-21-117

New Business

1. PCR-115-21 A Resolution to RIDOT to perform a traffic study on East Avenue between the intersections of East Ave/River Street and Bald Hill Road/East Ave. (Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 10-4-21**

2. PCR-116-21 A Resolution to RIDOT to perform a traffic study on Main Ave. between the intersections of Main Ave/Greenwich Ave and Post Road/Main Ave. (Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 10-4-21**

Unanimous Consent
All Pass

Referral and Advertising

PCO-30-21 An Ordinance relative to the abandonment of a portion of Pearl Avenue, Montauk Shores Realty, LLC Petitioner.
(Councilwoman Travis)

Motion to Adjourn: Ladouceur

Seconded by:

Vote:

Time: 8:23 PM

Next Available Numbers:

PCR-119-21

PCO-31-21

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca
City Clerk

DOCKET SESSION

Howe Ordinance in regards to the scheduling of Planning and Zoning Board Meetings on City Council Meeting Nights (Ord)

Ladouceur A Resolution in regards to naming/renaming of “Bend Field” located at the Bend Street Complex in Honor of Joseph F. Johnson Sr. Field (PPLU)

Ladouceur Resolution in regards to a 4 way Stop Sign on Clifton and Leroy (PS)

Travis A Resolution in regards to the naming of the beach access road in City Park to Bob Leavitt Trail (PPLUCA)

McAllister on behalf of Mayor Picozzi Resolution relative to the ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Warwick and the Warwick Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 for period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 (9-28-21)

McAllister on behalf of Mayor Picozzi Resolution relative to the ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Warwick and RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 1651 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. (9-28-21)

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the City Clerk’s Office at 738-2006 ext. 6 at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.