

Approved 1-3-22

Posted December 16, 2021

Amended

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

Stephen P. McAllister, President

Roll Call: 9/0
Time: 7:03 PM
Salute To The Flag: Mayor Picozzi

Mayor speaks of his fundraising efforts for the Tomorrow Fund – This was created by a former chief of oncology and benefits children with cancer and their families at Hasbro. His display raises funds and is lower this year. Covid has Prevented the Tomorrow Fund from holding their big fundraising events.

Executive Communications

General Communications

McAllister – Informs the community that recycling calendars will be arriving this week. Discusses plans he and the mayor are working on regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and how they would like the communities help in deciding where the funds should be dispersed. He would like to see the funds put towards improving parks, playgrounds, boat ramps, etc. Citizens of the community are encouraged to input their ideas and suggestions at community meetings and workshops to come following the New Year.

Howe – commend and thanks the Mayor for the event held at Station 1 on Saturday with Santa. It was a very enjoyable visit as always, spreading the Christmas spirit. Requests a moment of silence for the 32nd anniversary of Operation Just Cause and Cpl. Ivan Perez of Pawtucket who lost his life during The Invasion of Panama.

Ladouceur – Recognize Howe for being one of the first troops dropped into that area during Operation Just Cause.

1. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –

Library Board of Trustees

1. Kimberly Wineman
208 Betsey Williams Drive
Warwick, RI 02889
Reappointment
Ward 3
Term to Expire December 31, 2023

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

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Foley, McElroy, Ladouceur, Travis**
Vote: **9/0**

- A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:
December 6, 2021
~~Moved by:~~
Seconded by:
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.

Newton Brophy – Speak on the ICE detention facility on Jefferson Blvd. and how the construction of facility has not yet been publicized. The center will include cells for short term detention and be used for the incarceration for community members. 75% of which have no criminal record. Asks if the city is comfortable with this facility and calls on the council to stop construction of this facility.

Nancy Green – People have a right to know that a jail is being built on Jefferson Blvd., they have a right to be fully informed of the plans before it is built. Asks why it is necessary for ICE to expand and how many people the jail will be able to hold as well as how will it be staffed.

Enrique Sanchez – Spanish teacher Central High School, speaks on the future plans of ICE in Rhode Island and how it is disappointing to see families torn apart. The facility will be a heavy burden for Warwick tax payers.

Libby Merrill – Expresses strong objection toward the detention facility that will be used to lock up community members. Says the presence of ICE will instill fear in members of our community. ICE pulls families apart, most of whom have no prior criminal background. The City should seek to reduce number of those in confinement especially during a high COVID surge. Says ICE doesn't belong in Warwick and calls on the City to prevent ICE from opening this facility.

Consent Calendar –

1. PCR-159-21 Resolution Relative to Bids

(Councilman Howe)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Foley Ladouceur**

Adopted

R-21-151

2. PCR-160-21 Resolution Relative to Claims

(Councilman Foley)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Foley**

Seconded by: **Gebhart, Travis**

Adopted

R-21-152

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

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-9-21 (Sub A) An Ordinance Requiring Collective Bargaining Agreement Documentation to be submitted to the City Council at Least Thirty Days Prior to Ratification** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Gebhart, Councilwoman Travis)

Second Passage, As Amended

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

Action: **Favorable to Amend Title**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur**

Vote: **9/0**

Favorable

Sinapi

Ladouceur, Travis

9/0

Second Passage

O-21-26

2. **PCO-30-21 An Order on the Abandonment of a Portion of Pearl Avenue, Montauk Shores Realty, LLC and Shoreline Properties, Inc.**
(Councilwoman Travis)

Second Passage

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Travis**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe**

Vote: **9/0**

Second Passage

O-21-27

3. **PCO-36-21 An Ordinance to prohibit Parking on Either Side of Pender Avenue from Pole #12 to the Dead End** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Second Passage

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

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

Second Passage
O-21-28

3. **PCO-30-19 An Ordinance involving State Law regarding Unutilized Commercial Property** (Councilman Sinapi and Councilman Rix)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 2-7-2022**

4. **PCR-195-19 A Resolution Establishing a Commission to Study Health Insurance benefits of Union, City Employees** (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **To the Pending File**

Action: **To the Pending File**
Moved by: **Sinapi**
Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur**
Vote: **9/0**

To the Pending File

5. **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): **To The Pending File**

Action: **To the Pending File**

Moved by: **Sinapi**

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

Vote: **9/0**

To the Pending File

6. **PCR-97-20 – Resolution regarding ratification of the Cooper Building Lease**
(Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 2-23-2022**

New Business

1. **PCO-40-21 An Ordinance in regards to allowing municipal retirees to return to work on a limited basis without interrupting their pension benefits**
(Council President McAllister on behalf of Mayor Picozzi)

First Passage

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

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

Vote: **9/0**

First Passage

1-3-2021

2. **PCR-145-21 A Resolution in regards to removing unauthorized No Parking Signs on Pender Avenue, Poles #12 & 13** (Councilman Ladouceur)

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

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

Adopted
R-21-153

3. **PCR-157-21 A Resolution authorizing the Adoption of the Trust OPEB Funding Program** (Council President McAllister on behalf of Mayor Picozzi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 1-19-2022**

Unanimous Consent

McAllister – For Second Passage

PCO-40-21 An Ordinance in regards to allowing municipal retirees to return to work on a limited basis without interrupting their pension benefits
(Council President on behalf of Mayor Picozzi)

All Pass

Motion to Adjourn: Travis

Moved by:

Vote: vv

Time: 7:46 PM

Next Available Numbers:

PCR-161-21

PCO-41-21

Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn D'Abrosca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "D'Abrosca" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn D'Abrosca
City Clerk

DOCKET SESSION

Sinapi (Add all Council)

**Res to the GA requesting amendment to the City Charter re: composition of
School Committee (IG)**

**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.**