

Minutes Accepted  
1-9-19

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
December 17, 2018  
@  
Council Chambers

Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Merolla, President

**Roll Call:** 8/0  
**Time:** 7:03 PM  
**Salute To The Flag:** McAllister

**Executive Communications**

**None**

**General Communications –**

**Council President Merolla - Happy Holidays to everyone. One colleague**

One colleague has worked in every branch of gov't during his career and tonight is his last night, as a councilman and we have a few proc for him, 1<sup>st</sup> – similar to Senator E. L. P. family has known Councilman Gallucci since he was a kid, he can remember when his dad ran for school committee and being out at the polls. Gallucci has worked not only in the military but in /for with state and local gov't been council President worked in Senior Services, BOC pretty much in every department.

When 1<sup>st</sup> decided to run for council, his father said he should talk w/ Joe Gallucci – who at the time was Working for the city –great advice – that election he won and listened to a lot of what he had to say. Over the years we have all used Gallucci knowledge as to what has occurred in the past. When you have a resource like Gallucci he can tell you what happened you can prevent and not relive past mistakes w/ his knowledge. To say he will be missed is an understatement, he's a valuable resource to the city, he's also a friend to everyone – weather you agree or disagree he was a person who moved on to the next issue – a debate of ideas – cannot remember him ever saying a bad word, a quality to be admired commended by other future generations, our council and future politicians, especially in today's climate when it's all about the person and not the idea your talking about. Wishes him congrats on a well-deserved retirement from politics, we all know he will be close, probably still be at the door At city hall at 6:00 AM

Mayor Solomon – honoring Joe on his final day of the City Council, the house and senate have honored him as well. He will not miss Joe Gallucci – they are very dear friends, confidant, bounced many issues off Joe Gallucci, he's known him pre politics as he was his father-in-law's best friend, was there when his son was born, was at his wedding. Councilman Gallucci is an extension of family, and always will be an extension of family. Looks forward to each day he's in office for Councilman Gallucci to stop by his office and participate in the Solomon gov't. He looks for his advice, guidance, bounce ideas – his duty does not end, his journey started in the military – serving w/ General Merolla – Council Presidents dad – one of his first active duties from a family committed to this community – his father was police chief in our community. Joe has been cultivated in a community and commitment to government – human service, board of elections, department of business regulations state of RI – Joe's been committed all his life to public service all his life and earned his life in private sector, always able to balance the two. One of the most important virtues of Joe is his compassion. Compassion for the community, his friends and family, always been dedicated to all those things. He will miss that because the community will not be exposed directly to that compassion as they have been, he's going to be behind the curtain - will go to him for advice – it's an honor to serve with you, an honor a gift to have you have a friend, and honor and give to have an extension of his family. Looks forward to many years working with him for this great city to make it even better. Wishes Councilman well for future endeavors. Mayor presents councilman Gallucci w/ a proclamation.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson – recognizes the leadership and humanity shared by the Gallucci family and Joseph Gallucci - reads citation from Congress United States of America –Congressman Langevin. Also reads Certificate of Special Recognition from Governor Gina Raimondo. Joe Gallucci you will always be a man of influence and a leader in the community in the great city of Warwick, thank you for everything.

Representative Joseph Solomon, Jr. - honored to be here today to recognize Joe Gallucci who has been a long-time friend since the day he was born, been a close friend to he and his family and thanks him for everything, the words of advice, the words of knowledge and he knows his grandfather, Walter Santos would be so proud of you for everything you have accomplished represented the citizens of Warwick and Ward 8 so well over the years and been a friend to so many people. Honored to present resolution from the RI House of Representatives from the Warwick Delegation.

Councilman Ladouceur – so fitting to be here to honor you today. You've been truly a mentor to him, remember his conversations from early on, remembers him telling him he needed to knock on every door if he wanted to win the election. From early on Joe has played a role in many elected officials, not just in the city but in the state, your willingness to lead, your willingness to help, never once said this is how you do it, always was a suggestion, it always came from the heart, the experience the history that you masked over the years, to say the respect is a bounding for you is an understatement. You sir, have a lot of promise going forward, I'm sure you will stay plenty busy and stay very much involved in continuing to make the City of Warwick a better place to live. Thanks Councilman Gallucci and reads Resolution of Congrats into record.

Councilwoman Travis – when she started many years ago, Joe became her mentor, hard to believe she will be the senior member when he leaves. Over the years he has guided her and showed her the light, told her nicely – she called him her 'little mayor' no matter what she needed advice on she went to him. They've laughed together, cried together had good times and will miss him so much.

Council President Merolla recognizes member of the Gallucci family who are in attendance. We appreciate your service to the city of Warwick for almost 50 years, thank you very much.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

**1. December 3, 2018**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**

Vote: **vv**

Presentation by the Warwick Public Works Department and its engineering consultant regarding the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project submitted under RIDEM Application No. 18-0144 about the project purpose and need, a description of the proposed work, including construction access and related wetland impacts; evaluated alternatives; the proposed wetland mitigation and restoration; the proposed construction schedule and costs; and whether the project will alleviate elevated water levels in Warwick Pond.

**Hold 1-23-19**

**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.

Daniel Hart – Say’s Thank you to Councilman Gallucci, happy he came tonight to speak, or he would have never seen the awards given to the Councilman. Want to bring to the councils attention and issue at the end of Winter Avenue in Ward 4, trying to get the pathway to the beach restored, running into a number of issues, wants council aware that a seawall was built across the path that neighbors use to get to the water and wants to make all aware of the issue.

Patty St. Amant – wanted to speak briefly to Councilman Gallucci. His leaving marks the end of an era at City Hall. Those who spoke detail your history and your accomplishments. She wants to speak of his personal attributes - He was her first boss in the City, a man of great stature, controlled the room, voice was low and almost quiet. I knew we would be a great team and friends forever. Always had a smile on his face and there was never a problem they couldn’t fix together. He is a wise man and she has learned

so much from him. We have all gained from his stories of the City of Warwick, he has shared not only the political history with all of us, the cultural and the community side as well. You knew everyone and they knew you. He provided for the most vulnerable, taking care of the less fortunate, the seniors and his constituents by maintaining their dignity and self-worth, by building them up and not bringing them down. You believe in honor and sacrifice, you believe in family and community and compassion and grace, you believe in loyalty. Thank you for the great memories.

Mike Zarum – Thanks all for coming together for Councilman Gallucci – Congrats and Thank you for your many years of service and hopes he stays involved. There is a lot of mutual respect for everyone, all working together, a lot of comradeships tonight. Hopes it continues. As a resident it makes him happy and hopes it continues. Wants to discuss the frag mighty problem – Buckeye Brook – Buckeye Brook is one of the few river runs that doesn't have a dam it is free flowing – all area written into the comprehensive plan and we need to protect it

- 1. Announcement of Appointments – None**
- 2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – None**
- 3. Consent Calendar –**

- 1. PCR-188-18 Resolution Relative to Bids**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance:      **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**

**Adopted, As Amended**  
**R-18-161**

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. PCR-189-18 2019-174 Custom Tandem Axle Walk-in Heavy Rescue**

**Committee Report: Finance: Hold 1-9-2019**

- 2. PCR-190-18 2019-204 Police Recruit Medical Examinations**

**Committee Report: Finance: Hold 1-23-2019**

- 3. PCR-191-18 2019-207 Training New Munis Software Modules**

**Committee Report: Finance: To Amend**

**Action: Favorable to Amend**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: Howe, McAllister**

**Vote: 8/0**

**Action: As Amended**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: Howe, McAllister**

**Vote: 8/0**

**Adopted, As Amended**  
**R-18-162**  
**Consent calendar vote: 8/0**

**Unfinished Business**

1. **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, Councilwoman Travis)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

**Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold 1-23-2019**

2. **PCO-21-18 An Ordinance to Amend Section 4-13 keeping and feeding wildlife**  
(Councilman Rix)

**First Passage**

**Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold 2-4-2019**

3. **PCR-94-17 Bid 2017-147 State of RI Telecommunication Services/Installation & Parts** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**Committee Report: Finance: Hold 1-23-2019**

4. **PCR-148-17 Bid 2018-143 Installation of Sprinklers @ Cooper Bldg. Drill Hall**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**Committee Report: Finance: Hold 1-23-2019**

5. **PCR-153-18 Resolution Requesting that the Department of Public Works study abandonment of a portion of Kay Street.** (Councilman Rix)

**Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold 1-23-2019**

6. **PCR-170B-18 2019-131 Various Parts for Sand & Salt Spreaders**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**Committee Report: Finance: Favorable**

**Action: Favorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister, Howe**

**Vote: 8/0**

**Adopted**  
**R-18-163**

**Unanimous Consent**

**All Pass**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci  
**Seconded by:** McAllister, Howe  
**Vote:** vv  
**Time:** 7:56 PM

**Next Available Numbers:** ~~PCR-189-18~~  
PCO-25-18

**DOCKET SESSION**

Councilman Rix – Resolution requesting RIAC to consider additional factors in noise study (IG)  
(Howe, Ladouceur, McAllister, Travis) PCR-9-19

Councilman Howe – Resolution requesting Increase RIAC payment to COW PCR-10-19

Councilman Howe –Resolution RIAC disclose to the COW Annual payment received by NE Patriots for  
use of TF green as home airfield PCR-11-19

Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn D'Abrosca".

Lynn D'Abrosca  
Deputy City Clerk

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