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Amended
The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
For
January 22, 2020
@
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Merolla, President

Roll Call: 9/0

Time: 7:45 PM

Salute To The Flag: Ladouceur

Executive Communications

None

General Communications – None

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

December 16, 2019

Moved by: **McAllister**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur**

Vote: **vv**

December 20, 2019

Moved by: **McAllister**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur**

Vote: **vv (Rix Abstains)**

January 6, 2020

Moved by: **McAllister**

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.

Rob Cote – comments/observations leading up to the 1/6 hearing.
Recognizes efforts of council members who tried to clarify ambiguous language issues within the fire contract. Contract was counterproductive to taxpayers will end up in litigation down the road. Recognize efforts put forth to get actuaries to be present and answer questions. Addresses two council members...

Merolla- not an opportunity to attack, please stay on topic – Thank you
Rob Cote – Public event 12/20 meeting – 5 members called an emergency meeting and were in direct violation of the city charter – what's the penalty for violating charter?

Sinapi – invokes Rule 19 – Maintain decorum

Merolla – advised Mr. Cote – making comments if violated law crosses like – cannot attack individuals. Need to maintain decorum. Address the issues
Mr. Cote – meeting deemed illegal direct violation – optics of council appear broken. APRA speaks volumes when you have family members being hired
Meroll open meetings law does not allow for personnel issues to be discussed – we cannot break open meetings law- cannot talk about individual personnel matters

Mr. Cote – wants to discuss document obtained through access to public records

Merolla – Council cannot discuss personnel issues

Conley – 42-46-5(a) (1) open meetings persons decision to be held open/executive

Merolla – personnel matters not to be discussed

Mr. Cote – expects his rep to answer questions on behalf of constituents – optics CC not listening

Sinapi – Rule 19 point of order no personal attacks

Mr. Cote – theres a level of frustration

Ladouceur – asked that

1. **Announcement of Appointments – None**
2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation – None**

3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-5-20 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

2. **PCR-6-19-20 Resolution Relative to Traffic Studies** (Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Safety: **Hold 2-3-2020**

3. **PCR-7-20 Omnibus Resolution of Congratulations and Condolences**
(Councilman Rix)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Community Affairs: Hold 2-3-2020

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

PCR-8-20 2019-066 Repairs to Existing Plymovent Vehicle Exhaust Removal System

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 2-3-2020

PCR-9-20 2019-210 Mobile Self-Contained Food Concessions

Committee Report: (Finance): Favorable

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Howe

Vote: 7/0/2 (Sinapi, Travis)

Referred Business

1. **PCO-26-19 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning of the City of Warwick, Sundown Corporation (Councilwoman Travis)**

Public Hearing First Passage

Committee Report: (Land Use): Recommends Public Hearing

Action: Recommends Public Hearing

Moved by: Travis

Seconded by: Ladouceur, McAllister

Vote: vv

Speaking for:

**K. Joseph Shekarchi, Esq, Representing the Petitioner
Bill DePasquale, Director Planning/Chief of Staff**

Speaking Against: **None**

Action: **to close the Public Hearing**
Moved by: **Travis**
Seconded by: **Ladouceur, McAllister**
Vote: **vv**

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

First Passage
2-24-2020

2. PCO-27-19 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning of the City of Warwick, Zarella Development Corporation (Councilman Sinapi)

Public Hearing First Passage

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

Action: **Recommend Public Hearing**
Moved by: **Sinapi**
Seconded by: **Travis, Ladouceur, McAllister**
Vote: **vv**

Speaking for:
K. Joseph Shekarchi, Esq, Representing the Petitioner
Bill DePasquale, Director Planning/Chief of Staff

Speaking Against:

Action:
Moved by:
Seconded by:
Vote:

Action:
Moved by:
Seconded by:
Vote:

Unfinished Business

1. **PCO-21-19 Ordinance relative to Employee Benefits** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 3-9-2020**

2. **PCO-22-19 Ordinance relative to Council Office Space** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Favorable as Amended**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Rix, Corley, McAllister**

Vote:

Action: Favorable to Amend

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Rix, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

Action: Favorable As Amended

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Rix

Vote: 9/0

**First Passage, As Amended
2-24-2020**

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

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 3-9-2020**

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

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 3-9-2020**

5. **PCR-16-18 Tree Damage Claims** (Councilman McAllister)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 2-24-2020**

6. **PCR-134-18 Resolution to create a Charter Review Committee**
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Councilman Corley,
Councilwoman Travis)

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

Action:

Move by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

7. **PCR-3.1-20 2020-225 Structural Firefighting Particulate Hoods**
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

Action:

Move by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

8. **PCR-180-19 Resolution to the General Assembly requesting a waiver/exemption to RIDE Regulations/requirements** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 2-24-2020**

9. **PCR-184-19 Resolution relative to no commercial trucking on Narragansett Parkway** (Councilman Corley)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 3-9-2020**

10. **PCR-190-19 Resolution Relative to Claims (Ragosta)** (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 2-3-2020**

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

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 2-24-2020

Unanimous Consent

Motion to Adjourn:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Time:

**Next Available Numbers: PCR-8-20
PCO-1-20**

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca
Acting City Clerk

DOCKET SESSION

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