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**Amended**  
The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
February 22, 2021  
@  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Stephen P. McAllister, President

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**Council President McAllister reads zoom access into the record**

**Roll Call: 9/0**

**Time: 7:03 PM – 7:44 PM Reopened 10:27 PM**

**Salute To The Flag: Councilman Howe introduces Ward 3 Resident Michael Pizzarelli, Eagle Scout**

**McAllister – Thanks and Congratulates Michael on his Eagle Scout accomplishments.**

**McAllister – announces someone from each ward will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Each councilperson will be asking someone from their ward to lead us at a different meeting. We will promote our community at these meetings**

**Executive Communications**

**None**

**General Communications –**

**McAllister – toured the vaccine pod at Warwick Vets, very impressed w/ the way the City is handling and doing this for our residents 75+. The PD was helping w/ parking, bringing wheelchairs to people if needed, escorting individuals in WFD administering shots and signing people in, City Employees helping sign in and direct to right place. School Dept staff helping.**

**Congrats to all that participated – again 75+ vaccines will be administered every Monday – go to the City Website to sign up. Department Health web site is doing 65+, City is currently still vaccinating 75+**

**WFD, Sr. Services, West Bay Community Action and the Red Cross – unfortunately there have been a number of fires across the city, middle winter middle pandemic. Unfortunately there was a fatality as well. WFD great job helping individuals get out and get back in to retrieve essential items. People will be out for a number of months – one fire middle of night – thank you too all that have donated to help the fire victims – shows the strength of our community**

**Special mention of Councilman Joe Galucci, true statesman, he sat next to him for his first two years, he showed councilman McAllister the ropes, nothing got by Joe Gallucci he had seen it all and done it all.**

**Rix – there have been multiple fires in Warwick in the last month, most serious at the chateau apartment in ward 2 – 70 people displaced, total of 47 units, grateful To see city coming together to help out those people. There is a great need, asks community to help out. Also another fire at the Cranberry Pond Apartments contained to an apartment. Also the passing of our colleague Joe Gallucci first elected in 1976 served for 16 years – one of his many sayings “yesterday is a cancelled check, tomorrow promissory note, today cash” will always remember this in his voice.**

**Ladouceur – Joe Gallucci was very unique individual, military vet, served the public the majority of his life, mentor to just about everyone. You could go toe toe on an issue completely disagree – decided to settle in, no hard feeling, never walked away mad – he was an amazing guy – certainly mentor to him. Often called JG – knew he would give the straight scoop and not a political spin. Deepest condolences to the Gallucci Family – sad time for all. It’s a please to say things about such a fine gentleman**

**Travis – worked the longest w/ Councilman Gallucci, as president, councilman and always mentor to her will always remember that. Worked closely in human services, helped many families, the kindest person – a complete gentleman and a walking history book. He always had an answer to guide you in the right direction He was also my friend and I’ll miss him.**

#### **Moment of Silence for Councilman Joe Gallucci**

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

**December 21, 2020**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, Ladouceur**

Vote: **7/0/2 (2 Abstain – Foley/Gebhart)**

**January 5, 2021 – Noon**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Travis, Rix**

Vote: **vv**

**January 5, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Travis, Rix**

Vote: **vv**

**January 6, 2021**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, Travis**

Vote: **vv**

**January 20, 2021**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, Travis**

Vote: **vv**

**February 1, 2021**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, Travis**

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.

The public comment session will terminate at the expiration of 15 minutes. Waiver of this provision requires unanimous consent

Rob Cote – couple of issue – speak briefly - Need to get away from zoom meeting and back into the Council chamber, no reason why we can't do that, it's safe – room holds 420 people, and with the exception of contract deliberations there's never more than a handful of people, need to get back in person that's the public room any further delay in doing that is a sign of deception and appears trying to silence the general public.

Time period of 2-2018 – 12-2019 – former City Council allocated \$225,000 for Accounting Services to accounting firm YKSM, he was involved in discussion with them over the unused sick pay of the WFD, has the contracts to access the public records, the disbursements, and the bills, contract specifically states that the all invoices shall be accompanied by the work product. To date no information has been released as to the investigation of the WFD, also has the non-disclosure

Mr. Cote reads from non-disclosure form -

When he rec'd this through public records he contacted McAllister and he assured him that this info was proprietary to the CC and the non-disclosure in no way limited the CC from releasing the findings of the investigation into the WFD. Respectfully requests that the CC and the attorney's take steps to immediately release this data because you owe to the citizens of Warwick

The contract very clear, info from COW states that no report has ever been forthcoming from YKSM Why? Reasonable person would assume something to hide? Ward Fisher was hired by the WFD – those reports have not been released. If he was wrong in his allegations, I would invite and expect Ward Fisher and the WFD to contest my findings and discredit my findings.

Ms. Leslie Derrig – chairwoman of the Warwick land trust – regarding Warwick has some of the oldest growth – trees are being cleared for solar farms, for develops, for – town houses on Jefferson Blvd. A lot of development allowing the trees to be cleared. Oldest trees in RI have been cleared and we really need to stop and look at these. Would like to consult before taking the old trees. Solar farm was a beagle club – huge area being cleared without taking into consideration what you are clearing, not helping history, not helping the environment. Jefferson Blvd. area being cleared – we highly recommend that you talk to the Warwick land trust first would like the ability to come in and do an investigation w/ their experts before you clear the trees.

Cory Ponteus – thank you very much, resident of ward 8 – on behalf of the public thank you for keeping these meeting remote and value the people’s health and the committees health. Also would like to advise other members of the public if they can’t say what you have to in 60 seconds or less maybe request formal agenda space on the council times – be careful what you say over public time – it makes them look crazy

Barbara Walsh – please continue zoom meetings even when you go back in person – this gives people with disabilities a way to attend on a regular basis – this way she can sit here 3, 4 hours and participate in city government. Hoping will keep zoom format after in person meetings resume and allow to participate. Agrees with woman from the land trust – should be using them as experts

Mr. Wojochowski – great format for those that cannot attend in person

**1. Announcement of Appointments – None**

**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – None**

**Time: 7:44 PM To the Public Properties/Land Use Committee**

**Moved by: Rix**

**Seconded by: Travis, Ladouceur, Howe, Foley**

**Vote: 9/0**

**3. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-26-21 Resolution Relative to Bids  
(Councilman Howe)**

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Foley, Gebhart**  
**Adopted As Amended**  
**R-21-27**

**Consent calendar vote: 9/0**

**Time: 7:48 PM**  
**Motion to Move to the Public Hearing – Ladouceur**  
**Seconded by Rix, Howe, Sinapi**  
**Vote: 9/0**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. PCR-27-21 2020-109 Traffic, Street & Pole Light Maintenance Repair**

**Committee Report: (Finance): To Full Council without a Recommendation**

Action: **Hold 3-8-2021**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Hold 3-8-2021**

**2. PCR-28-21 2021-142 Athletic Field Marking Paint**

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

Action: **Favorable To Amend**  
Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Foley, Gebhart**  
Vote: **9/0**

Action: **Favorable As Amended**  
Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Travis, McElroy**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted As Amended**  
**R-21-28**

**3. PCR-29-21 2021-240A City of Warwick (District 6) Gasoline, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel**

**Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 3-8-2021**

4. **PCR-30-21 2021-240B City of Warwick (District 6) Gasoline, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel**

**Committee Report: (Finance):** Hold 3-8-2021

5. **PCR-31-21 2021-240C City of Warwick (District 6) Gasoline, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel**

**Committee Report: (Finance):** Hold 3-8-2021

6. **PCR-32-21 2021-275 Power Air Purifying Respirators & Accessories**

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

Action:	<b>Favorable to Amend</b>	<b>Favorable As Amended</b>
Moved by:	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Howe</b>
Seconded by:	<b>Ladouceur, Foley</b>	<b>Foley, Ladouceur</b>
Vote:	<b>9/0</b>	<b>9/0</b>

**Adopted As Amended  
R-21-29**

7. **PCR-33-21 – 2021- 276 Level-B Reusable Isolation Coveralls**

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

Action:	<b>Favorable to Amend</b>	<b>Favorable as Amended</b>
Moved by:	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Howe</b>
Seconded by:	<b>Ladouceur, Travis</b>	<b>Ladouceur</b>
Vote:	<b>9/0</b>	<b>9/0</b>

**Adopted As Amended  
R-21-30**

**Referred Business**

1. **PCO-1-21 An Ordinance Amending the City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan 2013-2033, Chapter 12 Entitled “Future Land Use, “ Map 12/1 Entitled, “Future Land Use Map” (FLUM) Great Point Group LLC, Applicant.** (Councilman Howe)

**Public Hearing/ First Passage**

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

Action: **Recommend to Open Public Hearing**  
Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Travis**  
Vote:

Speaking For:

**K. Joseph Shekarchi, Esq.\*\*One presentation for PCO-1-21 & PCO-2-21**  
**Samuel Hemenway**  
**Edward Pimentel**  
**Robert Lamoureux**  
**Leslie Derrig – Land Trust**

**Dan Geagan – Warwick Planning Department Clarifies information  
Relative to the project**

Speaking Against:

**Barbara Walsh – 62 Fredericks St.**

Action: **To Close Public Hearing**  
Moved by: **Rix**  
Seconded by: **Ladouceur**  
Vote: **9/0**

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

**First Passage – 3-22-2021**

- 2. PCO-2-21 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinances of the City of  
Warwick, Great Point Group LLC, Applicant. (Councilman Howe)**

**Public Hearing/ First Passage**

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

Action: **Recommends open the public hearing**  
Moved by:  
Seconded by:—  
Vote:

Speaking For:  
**See Above PCO-1-21**

Speaking Against:  
**See Above PCO-1-21**



Action: **Favorable To Amend**  
Moved by: **Howe**  
Seconded by: **Rix**  
Vote: **9/0**

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

**First Passage 3-22-2021**

**Time: 8:56 PM – returned to Finance Committee**

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

#### **First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 3-22-2021**

2. **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 3-22-2021**

3. **PCO-24-20 (Sub A) Ordinance in regards to modernization of Public Safety Equipment** (Councilman Howe)

#### **First Passage, As Amended**

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 3-8-2021**

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

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 4-19-2021**

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):     **Hold 3-22-2021**

6. **PCR-39-20 Resolution in regards a change to Warwick City Council Rules, Rule 30, Docketing To Allow that docketed business be heard at either Regular Business or Public Hearing Meetings of the City Council**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental):     **Hold 3-22-2021**

7. **PCR-41A-20 Resolution addressing Fiscal Request for Education for Fiscal Year 2020-2021** (Councilman Sinapi)  
**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance):                     **Hold 3-22-2021**

8. **PCR-79-20 Resolution for Engineering to create Buckeye Brooke Project**  
(Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental):     **Hold 3-8-2021**

9. **PCR-95-20 – Resolution in regards to erecting stop signs on the secondary roadways of Grimshaw Place, Hackman Place, Worth St., Crystal Dr. and Lockwood St.** (Councilman Ladouceur)  
**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Safety):             **Hold 4-19-2021**

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

Committee Report: (Finance):                     **Hold 3-22-2021**

**11. 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 3-22-2021**

**12. PCR-15-21 Resolution to the Rhode Island State Governor's Office in regards to the March 2020 Cares Act funding for the City of Warwick**  
(Councilman Foley)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental):   **Hold 3-22-2021**

**13. PCR-21-21 Resolution relative to Claims – Felene Frink** (Councilman Foley)

Committee Report: (Public Safety):                   **Favorable \$824.00**

Action:           **Favorable**  
Moved by:       **Foley**  
Seconded by:     **Rix**  
Vote:—

**Rix withdraws his Second –  
Rix motions to hold to 3-22-2021  
Seconded by Ladouceur, Travis  
Vote: 9/0  
Hold 3-22-2021**

**14. PCR-22-21 Resolution relative to Claims – Andrew Karp** (Councilman Foley)

Committee Report: (Public Safety):                   **Favorable \$133.99**

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

**Adopted  
R-21-31**

**15. PCR-23-21 Resolution relative to Claims – Maryann Tucci** (Councilman Foley)

Committee Report: (Public Safety):                   **Favorable \$239.98**

Action:           **Favorable**  
Moved by:       **Foley**

Seconded by: **Rix, Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted**  
**R-21-32**

**Unanimous Consent**

1. **PCR-24-21 – A Resolution in observance of Black History Month**  
(Council President McAllister, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart)

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

**Adopted**  
**R-21-33**

2. **PCR-25-21 – A Resolution requesting the Governor of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island General Assembly adjust Public Health Guidelines and Executive Orders that are harming Rhode Island’s Small Business Community**  
(Council President McAllister, Councilman Foley, Councilman Howe, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart, **Ladouceur**)

Action: **Favorable**  
Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Vote: **8/0/1 (Rix Abstains)**

**Adopted**  
**R-21-34**


**Unanimous Consent**

**All Pass**

**Motion to Adjourn:** **Travis**  
**Seconded by:**  
**Vote:** **vv**  
**Time:** **11:10 PM**

**Next Available Numbers:** **PCR-27-24**  
**PCO-3-21**

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca  
Acting City Clerk

**DOCKET SESSION**

**Rix** – Resolution in regards to authorizing a lease renewal by and between the City of Warwick and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an approximate 400 square foot lease of land owned by the City of Warwick located at 771 Post Road for the purposes of maintaining the existing Low Level Wind Shear Alert System (LLWAS) (PP/LU)

**Rix, Travis** – All Council- A Resolution in Observance of Women’s History Month (IG)

**Rix** – Resolution extending a Commission to Examine Possible means of tax Relief (ORD)

**Rix** – Resolution extending the Chapter 4 Commission (IG)

**Ladouceur, Howe, Sinapi, Foley** - Ordinance in regards to amending the process and requirement’s as they apply to individual claims (Ord)

*Ladouceur – Resolution in regards to establishing a Charter Commission (Ord)*

*Ladouceur (Entire Council) Resolution in regards to designating a date to be determined Joe Gallucci Day in the City of Warwick (PP/LU/Com Aff)*

**Travis & McAllister, Howe, Ladouceur, Foley, McElroy, Rix, Sinapi, Gebhart** - A Resolution to the Governor and RI GA to allocate \$8 million of the new stimulus money to after school and summer programs (IG)

**Previously docketed at the 2-1-2021 City Council Meeting – This is a duplicate**

**Sinapi** – Ordinance in regards to authority of the Council regarding the addition, removal, or significant alteration of street lights (Ord)

**11:16 PM**

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