

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
For
March 4, 2019
@

Warwick Police Department
Community Room
99 Veterans Memorial Drive
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Merolla, President

Roll Call: 8/1 (Sinapi)

Time: 8:01 PM

Salute To The Flag: McAllister

Executive Communications

General Communications –

Merolla – This is our 3rd month @ Community Room in the WPD while the chamber is under repair

Ladouceur – moment of silence Gail Cook, passed this weekend, genuinely nice/fun person who will be missed by all

Merolla – State of the City – Thanks mayor for calling meeting to advise citizens of financial state – Disappointed that former Mayor Avedesian blaming council.

Mayors are elected for 2 year terms – has not seen someone leave to take another job – Mayor Solomon inherited a situation - \$330 mil budget, chief Executive officer left and 2-21/2 weeks later Financial Director resigned. To say he was surprised is unconscionable. As elected officials we assume what is before us is the truth when we receive a contract to vote on and the amount allegedly direct to the council by the finance director. The council expects the truth – not year's later find a side agreement - fiscal note and contract fraudulent – cannot make best decision when not provided w/ the documents. – Avedesian stated no knowledge of agreement when his Finance Director approved Treasurer paid out Solicitor and Fire Chief Signed. – Avedesian's comment that the council should know better are outrageous – somehow he can blame council for his administrations side agreements. – The audacity to imply past/present council should have had knowledge.

The Finance Committee held MIS items and we now find out that the former Avedesian administration used a 'voucher' system - Thank you to the MIS Director for finding this. It's one issue after another – needs to be talked about, needs to be out in the public. Merolla compliments Mayor on State of city & all will work together to right the wrongs against the public.

Quarterly Reports

1. Dan O'Rourke - Water Department - presents report and Answered questions

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. February 25, 2019

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Vote: **vv (Travis Abstains)**

Accepted

1. Announcement of Appointments – None

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation

Land Trust Commission

Patricia Levesque

54 Hazard Ave.

Warwick, RI 02889

Vice: Joseph Cavanaugh

Ward 6

Term to Expire: May 1, 2020

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Travis**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, McAllister, McElroy**

Vote: **8/0**

Accepted

3. Consent Calendar –

1. PCR-38-19 Resolution Relative to Bids (Councilman Ladouceur)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Adopted, As Amended

R-19-30

2. **PCR-39-19 Resolution Relative to Abatements** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Adopted

R-19-31

Consent calendar vote: 8/0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

PCR-40-19 2019-205B Original Equipment Manufacturers' Parts for Various Vehicles for the Department of Public Works

Committee Report: (Finance): Unfavorable

Action: Unfavorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Howe

Vote: 8/0

Unfavorable

Unfinished Business

1. **PCO-3-18 Rocky Point – Ordinance to Protect the Rights of Private Property Owners** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Health, Education & Welfare): Hold 4-1-19

2. **PCR-69-18 Resolution to Establish a Buckeye Brook Advisory Committee** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Heath, Education and Welfare: Hold 4-1-19

3. **PCR-152-18 Resolution Relative to Abatements** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Hold 4-1-19

4. **PCR-12-19 2019-189 Athletic Field Marking Paint**

Committee Report: Finance: **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Vote: **8/0**

Adopted

R-19-32

5. **PCR-29-19 – Resolution to the RI State Traffic Commission & The State DOT requesting a no left turn traffic sign on Airport Road at the Intersection of Evergreen Avenue** (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **To Withdraw**

Action: **To Withdraw**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, McAllister**

Vote: **8/0**

Withdrawn

6. **PCR-30-19 Resolution relative to installing a no left turn sign on Evergreen Avenue at the Intersection of Airport Road** (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: Public Safety: **To Withdraw**

Action: **To Withdraw**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Rix, McAllister, Ladouceur**

Vote: **8/0**

Withdrawn

7. **PCR-32-19 Resolution relative to placing stop signs on Evergreen Avenue at the intersection of Pavilion Avenue** (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: Public Safety: **Favorable To Amend**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Rix**

Vote:

Action: Favorable To Amend

Moved by: Howe

**Seconded by: McAllister, Rix
Vote: 8/0**

**Action: Favorable as Amended
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Rix, McAllister
Vote: 8/0**

**Adopted as Amended
R-19-33**

New Business

1. **PCR-34-19 – Resolution in regards to Do Not Enter 8:15-8:45 a.m. and 2:30 – 2:50 PM signs on Almy Street front parking lot and Gulf Street rear parking lot at Lippitt School** (Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): Favorable To Amend

**Action: Favorable w/ Amendment
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Rix, McAllister
Vote:**

**Action: Favorable to Amend
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Rix, McAllister
Vote: 8/0**

**Action: Favorable as Amended
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Rix, McAllister, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0**

**Adopted, As Amended
R-19-34**

2. **PCR-35-19 Resolution Authorizing the City of Warwick to issue not to exceed \$6,185,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other evidence of indebtedness**(Councilman Ladouceur, Council President Merolla, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Corley, Councilman McAllister, Councilman Sinapi, **Councilwoman Travis**)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister, Travis, Merolla**

Vote:

Action: **Favorable to Amend**

Moved by: **McAllister**

Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur**

Vote: **8/0**

Action: **Favorable as Amended**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, Travis, Corley, Rix, McElroy, McAllister, Merolla**

Vote: **8/0**

Adopted As Amended

R-19-35

3. **PCR-36-19 Resolution creating a commission to review and make recommendations on changes to Chapter 4 of the Warwick Code of Ordinances**

(Councilman Sinapi and Councilman Rix)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Rix**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Howe**

Vote: **8/0**

Adopted

R-19-36

4. PCR-37-19 Resolution Supporting the Restoration of Public Mooring at Goddard State Park (Council President Merolla, Ladouceur, Travis, McAllister, McElroy, Howe, Rix, Corley, Sinapi,)

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

Action: **Favorable w/ amendment**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**

Vote:

Action: **Favorable to Amend**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**

Vote: **8/0**

Action: **Favorable as Amended**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Travis, Howe, McAllister, McElroy**

Vote: **8/0**

Adopted As Amended

R-19-37

Unanimous Consent

All Pass

Motion to Adjourn: Travis

Seconded by: Ladouceur, McAllister

Vote: vv

Time: 8:55 PM

**Next Available Numbers: PCR-40-19
PCO-7-19**

DOCKET SESSION

Ladouceur - Resolution in support of Sewer Authority Amendments (IG)
Ladouceur – Resolution authority over the pension board (FIN)
Ladouceur – Support Mayor’s initiative for development in the City Centre District (Economic Development)

Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn D'Abrosca". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lynn D'Abrosca
Deputy City Clerk

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