

CITY OF WARWICK
DOCKET OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Saturday June 2, 2018
@ 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3275 POST ROAD
WARWICK, R.I. 02886

STEVE MEROLLA, PRESIDENT PRESIDING

Roll Call: 8/0
Time: 9:21 AM
Salute to the Flag: Ladouceur

Saturday June 2, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. - Council Chambers

Merolla – Thank you to the council members and the members of the administration for their help over the last couple of weeks. First time been involved in a budget where a mayor came in 2 ½ weeks before a budget/not his budget and no time to hire staff. Makes it very difficult when you have resignations including CFO Finance Director about a week and half when examining over 300 million dollar budget. Mayor has many hurdles in a short amount of time. It's difficult to look at numbers when the CEO/CFO of a corporation who put together the numbers are not available to lead you in an analysis of what those numbers mean and how it impacts the community/fellow council/new mayor. We are looking at 14.5 million in increases we can't come close to that with a maximum tax increase. We have a bill for expenses that we were not here for or could control. Faith in the future of the city, faith in the new administration of Mayor Solomon that this will not happen in the future, doesn't change the fact that we are where we are. Fiscal responsibility to fund as many of these issues knowing that we can't – it's impossible to fund these. He's never seen this many increases. We have never been forwarded a no tax increase budget by former Mayor Avedesian in 18 years. Thanks to the department heads, members of the public for expressing their opinions.

BUDGET ITEMS

1. **PCR-85-18 Resolution Adopting and Setting the Tax Rate of the City of Warwick for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance) **Favorable**

Motion: **Move to Open for Discussion**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

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

~~Vote:~~

Motion: **Favorable to floor for discussion**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

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

Ladouceur – Extends his thanks and appreciation to colleagues, liason, public, department heads who have spent countless hours helping us trying to understand this problem that we have. Compares problem to ship that's run aground, and none of us the new mayor or members of city council were the captain of the ship and we are the clean-up crew. We are up to the challenge, won't be painless but thanks for the input/suggestions to get us through:

Amendments

- 1) Action: Motion to Amend budget code 89-000 – Appropriation - School Department to increase \$1,500,000
Moved by: **Ladouceur**
Seconded by: **Howe, Rix, McAllister**
Vote: **8/0**

Speaking for: **Rix, Merolla, Ladouceur**

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 2) Action: Motion to Amend budget code 18-400 Contingency – increase \$85,000
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister
Vote: 8/0

Speaking: Merolla
AMENDMENT PASSES

- 3) Motion to Amend budget code 63-290 Asphalt to increase 4 Million
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, Rix, Travis, McAllister
Vote: 8/0

Speaking: Howe, Rix, McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur, Merolla, Gallucci

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 4) Motion: to Amend 63-249 Chemical & Rodent Control to increase \$20,000
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Rix, Howe, Travis, McAllister, Ladouceur, Merolla
Vote: 8/0

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 5) Motion to Amend budget code 46-101 Human Resource Salary to increase \$10,000 (clerical error)
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, Rix, McAllister
Vote: 8/0

Speaking: Gallucci, Ladouceur, Brian Silvia, Merolla

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 6) Motion to Amend budget code 40-119 Parks & Recreation
Increase \$35,000
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Rix, Howe, McAllister, Travis

Speaking: Ladouceur, Merolla, Travis, McAllister, Corley

Recess: Time 10:25 AM – 10:49 AM
Motion: Ladouceur
Seconded by: McAllister
Vote: vv
Time: 10:15 AM

Speaking: Corley
Vote: 8/0

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 7) Motion to Amend budget code 36-101 Building Inspection/salaries to increase \$50,000 – clerical error
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister
Vote: 8/0

Speaking: Brian Silvia -

AMENDMENT PASSES

- 8) Motion to Amend budget code 85-195 – Municipal Pensions – reduction @ request of the department - clerical error

Correct figure should be \$6,728,142.00 (shown on page 13 of general funds)

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, Rix, McAllister

Motion to Recess @ 11:11 AM – 11:13 AM

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, Travis

8vv

Vote: 8/0

Amendment Passes

Motion to Recess @ 11:15 – 11:48

Moved by: Travis

Seconded by: McAllister, Ladouceur, Howe

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9) Motion: To Amend the Tax Rate

Moved Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, Rix, McAllister, Travis

Tax Revenue Rate Class 1 not to exceed \$20.80

Tax Revenue Rate Class 2 not to exceed \$31.19

Tax Revenue Rate Class 3 not to exceed \$41.59

Tax Revenue Rate Class 4 – unchanged

Fiscal Year 2019 General Funds Total Account # 100-03100 – Property Tax
proposed budget was \$230,411,901.00 + \$5,639,059.00 = \$236,050,960.00,
adjusted budget

Vote: 8/0

Motion: Move PCR-85-18 Setting the Tax Rate as Amended

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister, Travis, Gallucci, Rix

Vote: 8/0

Adopted As Amended

R-18-68

2. **PCR-86-18 Resolution Relative to Transfers, Supplemental Appropriations and
Emergency Appropriations** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance) **Favorable to the Floor**

Motion: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, McAllister**

Vote: **8/0**

Adopted

R-18-64

Motion to Adjourn: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, Travis McAllister**

Vote: **8 vv**

Time: **11:53 PM**

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Attest,

Lyn Pagliarini
City Clerk