

**Draft**

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Special Council Meeting

**VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM APPLICATION**

Monday June 29, 2020

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@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Merolla, President

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of said Special Meeting on June 29, 2020 is to discuss the business listed on the attached Agenda. No business shall be considered at this Special Meeting other than that stated on the attached Agenda, except by the unanimous presence and consent of all Council members, pursuant to Section 2-11 of the Warwick City Charter

**10:27 PM**

**Roll Call:** 9/0

**Time:** 10:30 PM

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Sinapi

**Executive Communications**

**None**

**General Communications –**

**Councilwoman Travis – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks have been cancelled at Oakland Beach – Signs are up and there will be a press release in the paper. There will be No Fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Councilman Howe – Paul McNeil passed away June 3rd– request moment of silence. US Army Vet, Elected RI Vet Home Council President. He did so much for so many years and was such an advocate.**

**Also Congrats to Ruth from Purchasing Celebrating Anniversary**

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

**March 9, 2020**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **McAllister**

Vote: **vv**

**Accepted**

**May 26, 2020**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Ladouceur, Rix**

Vote: **vv**

**Accepted**

**May 27, 2020**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, Rix**

Vote: **vv**

**Accepted**

**May 30, 2020**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **Howe, Rix**

Vote: **vv**

**Accepted**

**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.

**Elijah Hannon, lifelong Warwick Resident, for the last 3 years has been handling the odor control in the cedar swamp area and has concerns w/ program moving forward. Contract is set to expire tomorrow and does not seem to be a plan in place beyond that. With 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend coming up he's worried about the residents – going to be 90 degrees, wanted to bring to Council's attention. Has been contacting Earl Bond dating back to May to extend contract and requesting when it would be going out to bid. On June 24<sup>th</sup> they were informed the WSA was going in another direction. He attended the Sewer Board Meeting and Earl Bond confirmed they will be using another chemical. Given the success of the last 3 years, he's confused. Willing to continue program through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and want a fair opportunity to bid given the success they've had.**

## **1. Announcement of Appointments –**

### **Warwick Housing Authority**

Christopher J. McCarty  
5 Kirby Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889  
Vice: Ralph Palumbo

Ward 5  
Term to Expire: June 1, 2024

John B. Giusti  
505 Red Chimney Dr.  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Vice: Mark Doorley

Ward 9  
Term to Expire: June 1, 2025

**Councilman Howe – re: cleanliness of the Warwick Housing Authority – growth, trash, lack of up keep of property. Requests that the two appointees and the WHA works with for overall cleanliness**

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – None

3. Consent Calendar –

1. PCR-37-20 Resolution Relative to Bids  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

Action:      **Favorable**

Moved by:      **Ladouceur**

Seconded by:      **Howe**

**Adopted as Amended**  
**R-20-31**

Consent calendar vote:      **9/0**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PCR-43-20 – 2016-081A State of RI Paint & Paint Supplies**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-44-20 2016-081B State of RI Paint & Paint Supplies**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-45-20 2016-171 State of RI Software Government Procurement Agreement**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: Howe**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-46-20 2016-231 State of RI Lamps, Ballasts and related electrical supplies**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-47-20 2018-296 Limited Scope Zoning Rewrite**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister, Howe**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-48-20 2020-266 Grass Seed Mixtures**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**

**Action: Unfavorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: Howe**

**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-49-20 2020-293 Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies**

**Committee Report: Hold 7-13-2020**

**PCR-50-20 2021-019 Brass Fittings & Valves**

**Committee Report: Favorable**

**Action: Favorable**

**Moved by: Ladouceur**

**Seconded by: McAllister, Howe**  
**Vote: 8/0/1 (Merolla Abstains)**

**Adopted**  
**R-20-32**

**PCR-51-20 2021-020 Post Type Hydrants**

**Committee Report: Favorable**  
**Action: Favorable**  
**Moved by: Ladouceur**  
**Seconded by: McAllister**  
**Vote: 8/0/1 (Merolla Abstains)**

**Adopted**  
**R-20-33**

**PCR-52-20 – 2020-328 Callyo Silver preferred package pro**

**Committee Report: Unfavorable**  
**Action: Unfavorable**  
**Moved by: Ladouceur**  
**Seconded by: Howe**  
**Vote: 9/0**

**Unfavorable**

**PCR-53-20 2021-062 Police Educational Expenses**

**Committee Report: Hold 8-17-2020**

**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-11-20 (PCR-31-20) Resolution in regards to erecting a stop sign at the Northeast Intersection of Abbot Avenue and Clinton Avenue** (Councilman McAllister )

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: (Public Safety): ~~Favorable~~ **Favorable As Amended**

Action: **Favorable**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**

Action: **Favorable to Amend to Res**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

Action: **Fav As Amended**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted As Amended**  
**R-20-34**

2. **PCO-12-20 (PCR-32-20) Resolution in regards to Erecting Three (3) Stop Signs on the East and Westbound Sides of Grant Street at the intersection of Buttonwoods Avenue and the Westbound Side of Hayes Street at the intersection of Buttonwoods Avenue** (Councilman McAllister and Councilwoman Travis)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: (Public Safety): ~~Favorable~~ **Favorable As Amended**

Action: **Favorable**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**

Action: **Favorable to Amend to Res**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

Action: **Fav As Amended**  
Moved by: **McAllister**  
Seconded by: **Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted As Amended**  
**R-20-35**

3. **PCO-3-19 An Ordinance relative to boat storage on residential property** (Councilman Corley)

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **To the Pending Filed**

4. **PCO-7-19 – Pension Board** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 8-17-2020**

5. **PCO-10-19 Ordinance in regards to water discharge** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman McElroy, Councilman McAllister, Councilman Sinapi)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 9-9-2020**

6. **PCO-15-19 (Sub A) An Ordinance regarding Health Insurance for City Employees** (Councilman Ladouceur and Council President Merolla)

**First Passage, As Amended**

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 8-17-20**

7. **PCO-17-19 Ordinance relative to Senior & Veteran Exemptions**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Councilman McAllister, Councilman Merolla, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Sinapi)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

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

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

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

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

9. **PCO-24-19 Ordinance in regards to one way traffic on Alice Ave.**  
(Councilman McAllister)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **McAllister**

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

Vote: **9/0**

**First Passage**  
**7-13-2020**



**10. PCO-28-19 – Ordinance in regards to no parking between signs in front of 301 West Shore Road on Sundays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** (Councilman McElroy)

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Safety):   **Hold 8-17-2020**

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

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance):   **Hold 8-17-2020**

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

**First Passage - Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Properties):   **Hold 8-17-2020**

**13. PCO-2-20 An Ordinance relative to forming a commission to establish LED Signage Guidelines** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Ordinance):   **Hold 9-21-2020**

**14. PCO-3-20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 1**

(Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Warwick Code of Ordinances, General Administration, which would require the Director of DPW to Present Monthly routine reports to the City Council)   (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental):   **Hold 8-17-2020**

**15. PCO-4-20 An Ordinance relative to the installation of traffic control signs**

(Would require that the Department of Public Works erect traffic signs within thirty (30) calendar days of a request made by the City Council or the Warwick Police Department)   (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: (Public Safety):   **Hold 8-17-2020**

**16. PCO-7-20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Article I of the City of Warwick Code of Ordinances** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

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

**17. PCO-8-20 Ordinance relative to the Ratification of Teacher Contracts and Support Personal Contracts** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage –Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 8-17-2020

**18. PCO-9-20 Ordinance in regards to amending Chapter 40-30, PCO-8-18, Smoking prohibited in public schools and on school grounds**  
(Councilman Travis)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Ordinance): Hold 8-17-2020

**19. 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 8-17-2020

**20. PCR-182-19 Resolution regarding Lease Cooper Building** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Properties): Hold 8-17-2020

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

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): To the Pending File

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

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 8-17-2020

**23. PCR-196-19 A Resolution to the General Assembly for additional funding for Warwick Public Schools** (Council President Merolla)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 9-21-2020**

**24. PCR-10-20 A Resolution relative to the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of 333 Sandy Lane** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 8-17-2020**

**25. PCR-11-20 A Resolution relative to repairs to damage at Lippitt Park**  
(Requests that the DPW repair the damage caused by a motor vehicle to the sign and entrance at Lippitt Park) (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 8-17-2020**

**26. PCR-13-20 A Resolution to the DPW that signage be erected as stated in PCR-144-19** (Requests that the previous requests made to DPW in PCR-144-19, regarding the installation of stop signs and signals at various intersection, be enforced and for the DPW to install said stop signs and traffic signals)  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **To Withdraw**

Action: **To Withdraw**  
Moved by: **Ladouceur**  
Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**  
Vote: **9/0**

**Withdrawn**

**27. PCR-15-20 – A Resolution relative to school Bonding consideration for the 2020 Ballot** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla, Councilman Corley, and Councilman Rix)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 8-17-2020**

**28. PCR-21-20 Resolution relative to Claims – Mary McGann** (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 9-9-2020**

**29. PCR-24-20 Resolution requesting that the Department of Public Works address the pot hole, sink hole and drainage issues at the Anglesea Community** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 8-17-2020**

**30. PCR-27-20 Resolution to the RI General Assembly Requesting Permission for a Ballot Question** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Finance): **To The Pending File**

**31. PCR-28-20 Resolution supporting codification of the cancer presumption by the General Assembly** (Councilman Sinapi)

**Not Drafted**

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

**32. 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 7-13-2020**

**33. PCR-36-20 2020-257 Automotive Wet Batteries**(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Ladouceur**

Seconded by: **McAllister, Howe**

Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted**  
**R-20-36**

**New Business**

1. **PCO-11-20 Ordinance in regards to approving the financing of the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, equipping, and extension of the City's Sewage Collection System** (Councilman Howe and Councilwoman Travis)

**First, Passage Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 7-13-20

2. **PCR-38-20 Resolution in regards to erecting a stop sign on Maywood Ave to stop traffic entering onto Beach Ave** (Councilman McElroy)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Public Safety): Hold 8-17-20

3. **PCR-39-20 Resolution in regards to amending PCR-1-19 City Council Rules, Rule 30 Docketing (Councilman Ladouceur)**

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): Hold 9-21-2020

4. **PCR-40-20 A Resolution in regards to amending the City Council Rules**  
(Councilman Sinapi)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): Hold 8-17-2020

5. **PCR-41-20 Resolution addressing Fiscal Request for Education for Fiscal Year 2020-2021** (Councilman Sinapi)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 8-17-2020

6. **PCR-42-20 Resolution to the General Assembly in regards to reimbursement for hotel & meal tax revenue** (Council President Merolla)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: (Finance): Hold 7-13-2020

**Referral and Advertising**

**PCO-14-20 An Ordinance amending the Zoning of the City of Warwick,  
John Dickerson, Petitioner. (Councilman McAllister)**

Public Hearing 8-19-2020

**Unanimous Consent**

All Pass

**Motion to Adjourn:** Travis

**Secoded by:**

**Vote:** vv

**Time:** 11:29 PM

**Next Available Numbers:** *PCR-43-20*  
*PCO-15-20*

**DOCKET SESSION**

**Corley – Resolution Stop Signs Winthrop Rd/Parkside, Landon Rd/Parkside(PS)**

**Corley – Ordinance No Parking Parkside/Pleasant View Rd (PS)**

**Rix –**

**Resolution to extend tax Relief Comm (IG)**

**Resolution to extend Chapter 4 Commission (IG)**

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca  
Acting City Clerk

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