

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
October 16, 2017  
@  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Joseph J. Solomon, President

**Roll Call:** 9/0 Richard Corley, Jeremy Rix, Timothy Howe, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Stephen McAllister, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

**Time:** 7:05 PM

**Salute to the Flag:** Councilwoman Travis

### **Executive Communications**

#### **Quarterly Reports**

1. **Dan O'Rourke - Water Department – presented report**
2. **Eric Earles – Engineering –presented report**
3. **Carlos Zambrano – MIS to appear 11/6/2017**
4. **Janine Burke-Wells –WSA to appear 11/6/2017**

#### **General Communications -**

1. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Welcomes newly appointed Chief of Staff, Raymond Studley, to council chambers. He hopes to see him at all future council meetings acting as a liaison from the administrative to the legislative part of government. It gives him great sadness but also great happiness that this evening will be Judy Wild's last council meeting as city clerk. She is retiring. She was hired when he was chief judge of the Warwick Municipal Court. She was hired based on her qualifications and work ethics. She has done a great job for over 25 years for the taxpayers, legislative, judicial and executive branches of the City of Warwick. She will be sorely missed but hopes the future years bring her good health and happiness with her family. Correspondence has been delivered to him from Warwick Public Schools, requesting an appearance before the city council prior to a voting on the resolution whether or not to appropriate bonding authority for future building improvements. There will be a special meeting scheduled for this purpose on Wednesday, 11/29 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Asks that the city clerk reserve chambers and that notification be sent to the school department to entertain their presentation as to potential bond expenditures and funding for the school department.

### **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.

1. Mark West: Ward 5. Listened to a lot of council meetings and has heard a lot about the jobs done by city workers, such as the Cooper building and the Annex. If taxpayers' money is being used, that work should be contracted out so the taxpayers know the price. Remembers Ed Ladouceur asking how much money was spent on the Cooper building and no one knew. If the work was contracted out, it would be at prevailing wage. The man hours are probably way over budget too. Even the military doesn't do any of their own work so the government knows each budget item and the price paid for every job.
2. Anthony Sinapi: Relaying something that happened at school committee meeting this month. Committee found out they are in violation of a RIDE regulation dictating square footage per student. This regulation has been around for over 10 years and the committee was warned about it. Now they are scrambling to come into compliance. One option discussed was to re-open some of the schools they closed. Their idea of an open meeting is a special meeting announced for this Thursday at 7:15 a.m. Second time they've done this and it's widely despised. When they do this, most people cannot attend. Administration also fails to attend the community outreach meetings.
3. John Simoneau: Ward 6. Sent all council members, except for one, e-mails and would also like to make the public aware that he went to tax collector's office less than year ago, concerned about bogus non-profits in Warwick. He was told that the mayor doesn't want non-profit status or monies owed evaluated. Councilwoman Travis, her husband and Beverly Sturdahl from the zoning board are officers of the Oakland Beach Real Estate Owners' Association. This non-profit had their status revoked by the secretary of state's office from February or March of 2010 until November of 2011. During that time, the city billed them for taxes. Six years later, this tax bill is still outstanding and, with interest, it is over \$2,300. This information is based on a public records request, on which he has filed a complaint for a violation of not getting the information requested from the city. The complaint is still pending. People who owe \$100 to \$300 are being sent shut off notices and threatening letters to sell their property at tax sale, when this property at 735 Oakland Beach Avenue has not been sent threatening letters or tax sale notices. It is sad that officials of Warwick government are being treated differently. It's an example of poor leadership. Hopes that because of this one example, a committee will be set up to find out what other non-profits are not paying their taxes. If they have been threatened, he has not gotten those documents from his public records request. The public should be aware that city officials are not being treated the same as their constituents.

**1. Announcement of Appointments – none**

**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none**

**3. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-170-17 -Resolution Relative to Bids  
(Councilman Ladouceur)**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur  
 Action: Favorable  
 Moved by: Ladouceur  
 Seconded by: Howe

**ADOPTED R-17-135**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. PCR-171-17 Bid 2018-118 Annual Bituminous Concrete & Portland Cement**

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur  
 Action: Unfavorable  
 Moved by: Ladouceur  
 Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
 Vote: 8/1 (Travis)

**UNFAVORABLE**

**2. PCR-172-17 Bid 2018-153 Pumping & Cleaning of Grease Interceptors**

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur  
Action: Unfavorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**UNFAVORABLE**

**3. PCR-173-17 Bid 2018-172 Purchase (1) 2018 Peterbilt Model 520 with Labrie Auto-Side Loader**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in February 2018 – date to be determined**

**4. PCR-174-17 Bid 2018-173 Electricity Contract**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable to Amend, Ladouceur  
Action: Favorable to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe  
Action: Move to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe  
Vote: 9/0  
Action: Move as Amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe, Merolla  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-136**

**5. PCR-175-17 Bid 2018-174 Natural Gas Contract**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable to Amend, Ladouceur  
Action: Favorable to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
Action: Move to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0  
Action: Move as Amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Howe, McAllister  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-137**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. PCO-28-17 Sub A Ordinance in Regards to Recreational Off Road Vehicles  
(Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe)**

**Second Passage as Amended**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable to Amend, Ladouceur  
Action: Favorable to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Action: Move to Amend  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 9/0  
Action: Move as Amended  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Travis  
Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 11/20/2017**

2. **PCO-29-17 Ordinance Amending Section 18-8 New Beach Fees Schedule**  
(Council President Solomon, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Howe, Councilman Ladouceur on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 11/20/2017**

3. **PCR-76-17 Review of Procedures Leading up to 56-6 Approvals**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 12/18/2017**

4. **PCR-82-17 Resolution Suggesting DPW and MIS Study Providence's Mobile App to Improve Services and Reduce Damage Claims** (Councilman Rix)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Health, Education and Welfare: **HOLD to 11/20/2017**

5. **PCR-94-17 Bid 2017-147 State of RI Telecommunication Services/Installation & Parts** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 11/20/2017**

6. **PCR-137-17 Sub A Bid 2018-099B Purchase Pressure Washer – Fire Only**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-138**

7. **PCR-148-17 Bid 2018-143 Installation of Sprinklers @ Cooper Bldg. Drill Hall**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 11/6/2017**

8. **PCR-161-17 A Resolution Establishing an Extension of West Pontiac Street as a City Street** (Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Properties: Favorable, Corley  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Gallucci  
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-139**

**9. PCR-166-17 Resolution Relative to the Sale of The Nelson Aldrich Junior High School** (Councilman Rix on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Committee Report: Public Properties: **HOLD INDEFINITELY**

**10. PCR-168-17 Claim – Brenda Koons**  
(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Travis  
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe  
Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-140**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for October 16, 2017**

none

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Seconded by:** Merolla

**Vote:** 9/0 VV

**Time:** 8:05 PM

**Next Available Numbers:** ~~PCR-171-17~~ ~~PCR-176-17~~  
~~PCO-44-17~~

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 1 – Councilman Corley – Resolution in Regards to the installation of a Stop Sign on the Westbound Side of Bayside Avenue – Public Safety Committee – **PCR-176-17**

Wards 1, 3, 9 – Councilmen Corley, Howe and Merolla – Resolution in Regards to RIAC Payment Increase – Finance Committee – **PCR-178-17**

Ward 2 – Councilman Rix – Resolution in Regards to the Installation of a Yield Sign at the Intersection of Pensacola Ave and Richmond Drive – Public Safety Committee – **PCR-177-17**

Wards 5 & 9 – Councilmen Ladouceur & Merolla – Resolution in Regards to Health Care Services – Finance Committee – **PCR-179-17**

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur – Resolution Regarding Auditing/Consulting Services – Finance Committee – **PCR-180-17**

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur on behalf of Mayor Avedisian – Resolution Relative to Authorize the Finance Director of the City of Warwick to Issue an Acknowledgement to the IRS Regarding the Donation of Certain Lands – Finance Committee – **PCR-181-17**

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur – Ordinance Regarding Department Head Attendance – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-44-17**