

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
For
October 2, 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: 7:38 PM

Salute To The Flag: Councilman McAllister

Executive Communications

General Communications –

1. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Calls for a moment of silence for the 59 killed and over 500 injured in Las Vegas last night. Thanks everyone for their extension of sympathy to his wife and family on the loss of his mother-in-law, Angela Santos. It was very much appreciated.
2. Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci: Presents Resolution of Condolence to Council President Solomon in remembrance of Angela Santos.
3. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: Reads Resolution of Condolence.
4. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Received correspondence relative to notice of a lawsuit by the Warwick Firefighters Retirees Association against the City of Warwick on 9/15. Will give to the clerk to make available in her office if anyone wants to have access to it. The KCWA annual report has also been received and presented to the city clerk for public access. Wants to point out that he believes the city has been subjecting the taxpayers to unnecessary abuse and hardship regarding delinquent sewer and water notices. There are some large amounts owed and accounts that are years past due, but many accounts are 80 to 90 days past due and are being charged up to \$200 in fees on a past due amount in the \$500 range. While he understands taxes need to be paid, the majority of these accounts are not habitual offenders. Incurring a \$200 fee on a \$500 bill is unconscionable and a lot of \$200 surcharges have gone out due to the system that's been adopted. He does not agree with or support this system and doubts anyone on the Council does. Interest is also being charged when a due date falls on a Saturday and the bill is paid on the following Monday. Interest is being charged for the entire bill, even though the bills were sent out late. If this is the reason for the tax surplus he does not want to be a part of it. This needs to be addressed either by the mayor or in a different manner.
5. Ward 7 – Councilman McAllister: Invites everyone and to spread the word and to attend the US Chamber of Commerce's foundation, Hire Our Heroes job fair on Friday, 10/20 at the Warwick Mall. This is the third year in a row this event will be held in Warwick. It is a unique opportunity for veterans, active duty military and their spouses. In order to have a booth at the fair, companies must have jobs that are available that day. Over the past two years over 100 veterans, military personnel and their spouses have received a job offer the same day as attending the fair. The job fair is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. and there will be a short speaking program at 10:00 a.m. Starting at 8:00 a.m., resume help, interview skills and personal introductions of job-seekers to potential employers will be offered. Please get the word out – 31,000 vets, active military and spouses have obtained employment opportunities directly through the Hire Our Heroes event.
6. Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis: Thanks Groundwork RI and TD Bank and all the volunteers for the 30 trees in Oakland Beach planted this morning they are an added plus and bring beautification to the area.
7. Ward 1 – Councilman Corley: Since September there's been walking tours of the school buildings, though the times have been inconvenient at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. On October 4th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting at Lippitt Elementary School of the building committee

from the Warwick School Authority and they are inviting members of the council to attend to listen to the preliminary report. There are still two more weeks of tours going on after that.

8. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Today was the official completion of the airport extension. Attended today, along with Councilwoman Travis and Councilman McAllister. The airport has been an economic locomotive to the city. It brings jobs and opportunity, but also traffic, erodes the tax base, homes are taken, land is vacated and is not subject to real estate taxation. We incur more public health and safety service costs than services provided and that is not a complaint about the fire department or the police department. They don't complain about being summoned for assistance at those facilities or relative to acts connected to the facilities. The costs are borne by citizens and has taken its toll on them. He approves of the expansion and fact it was done under budget, but as Councilman Howe brought up, the city should be compensated for their loss of revenue and their increase in costs. The Patriots received \$1 million and that jet means people will be coming to greet them. It also creates a need for crowd control and other services that will increase costs on our taxpayers. The city taxpayers need some relief in bearing the cost involved. Did convey this to certain reporters today. He felt that it was good for everyone to hear his sentiments directly from him, and the basis, for them tonight.
9. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: While being a Patriots fan, notes that they are the second or third wealthiest franchise, behind Dallas or the New York Yankees. That extra \$1 million when they are worth \$2 billion will make a big difference to them while Warwick struggles. The payments in lieu of taxes are up to \$750,000. All the property we lost was worth a lot more.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. August 21, 2017
Moved by: McAllister
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 9/0 VV
2. September 6, 2017
Moved by: McAllister
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 9/0 VV

ACCEPTED

1. **Announcement of Appointments** – none
2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation** –

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

1. Lee Buchanan
General Manager – Hilton Garden Inn
1 Thurber Street
Warwick, RI 02886
Vice: Cheryl LaBanca
Ward 3
Term to Expire: August 31, 2020

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci

- Action: Favorable
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Merolla, Gallucci, McAllister
Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-162-17 Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

ADOPTED R-17-127

2. PCR-163-17 Resolution Relative to Claims

(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable (2 passed, 1 held to 11/6,
1 assigned to PCR-168-17)

Moved by: Travis

Seconded by: McAllister, Merolla, Ladouceur

ADOPTED R-17-128

3. PCR-164-17 Resolution Relative to Abatements

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Howe

ADOPTED R-17-129

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. PCR-167-17 Bid 2017-182 Purchase Various New Police Vehicles

Committee Report: Finance: Move to Floor for Discussion, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by: Howe, Travis

Action: Move to Floor for Discussion

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe

Action: Hold to 10/16/2017

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur

Vote: No Response

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Corley

Seconded by: Rix, Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-130

2. PCR-168-17 Claim – Brenda Koons

Committee Report: Public Safety: **HOLD to 10/16/2017**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. PCO-37-17 Ordinance in Regards to Restricted Parking on the East Side of Gilbane Street (Councilman McAllister)

Second Passage

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable

Moved by: McAllister

Seconded by: Gallucci, Travis

Vote: 9/0

SECOND PASSAGE O-17-27

2. **PCO-38-17 Sub A Ordinance Regarding Restricted Parking on Red Chimney Drive**
(Councilman Merolla)

Second Passage as Amended

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Gallucci, Travis, Ladouceur
Vote: 9/0

SECOND PASSAGE O-17-28

3. **PCO-10-17 Sub A Aggressive Dog Ordinance**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage as Amended

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Merolla
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Corley
Vote: 9/0

TO SECOND PASSAGE 11/6/2017

4. **PCO-24-17 An Ordinance requesting original PCR be included with Bid Package when increasing Bids** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage

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

TO SECOND PASSAGE 11/6/2017

5. **PCO-30-17 Zoning and Land Use Amendments and Updating**
(Councilman McAllister, Council President Solomon)

First Passage - Not Drafted

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

6. **PCR-102-17 A Resolution Increasing the Exemption for the Jewish Home for the Aged** (Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, McAllister
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Gallucci
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur
Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-131

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

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 10/16/2017**

8. PCR-139-17 Resolution Regarding Bond Revocation
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

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

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

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 10/16/2017**

10. PCR-151-17 Bid 2017-311 Ice Rink Freon Conversion
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-132

11. PCR-152-17 Bid 2018-103 Various Replacement Automotive Parts
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur

Action: Unfavorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

UNFAVORABLE

12. PCR-153-17 Bid 2018-104 Original Equipment Mfg. Parts Various Vehicles
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur

Action: Unfavorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

Vote: 9/0

UNFAVORABLE

13. PCR-154-17 Bid 2018-129 Reversible Snowplows 8', 9', 10', 11' & 12'
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Howe

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-17-133

14. PCR-156-17 Bid 2018-132 Various Parts for Salt & Sand Spreaders
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Unfavorable, Ladouceur

Action: Unfavorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Howe

Vote: 9/0

UNFAVORABLE

15. PCR-157-17 Bid 2018-141 Tyler Content Manage License
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. PCO-39-17 Ordinance in Regards to No Parking on a Portion of Kay Street
(Councilman Rix)

First Passage

Committee Report: Public Safety: Withdrawn at the Request of the Sponsor

Action: Withdraw
Moved by: Rix
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Travis
Vote: 9/0

WITHDRAWN

2. PCO-42-17 Ordinance in Regards to No Parking on Lippitt Avenue
(Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Safety: HOLD to 11/6/2017

3. PCR-160-17 Resolution in Regards to the Installation of Yield Signs on Sargent Street (Councilman Rix)

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

ADOPTED R-17-134

4. PCR-161-17 Creation of Public Highways
(Councilman Gallucci)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Properties: HOLD to 10/16/17

5. PCR-165-17 Sale of Former Christopher Rhodes Elementary School Property
(Councilman Rix on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Properties: HOLD to 11/20/2017

6. PCR-166-17 Sale of Former Nelson Aldrich Junior High School Property
(Councilman Rix on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Properties: HOLD to 10/16/2017

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING
None

Unanimous Consent for October 2, 2017

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Seconded by: Howe, Merolla

Vote: 9/0 VV

Time: 9:07 PM

Next available numbers: ~~PCR-167-17~~ PCR-169-17
PCO-43-17

DOCKET SESSION

Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur – Ordinance- Insurance Claims & Procedures –
Finance Committee – **PCO-43-17**

Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci – Resolution – 2018 Council Calendar –
Intergovernmental Committee – **PCR-169-17**