

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Business Meeting  
For  
March 7, 2016  
@  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.  
Donna Travis, President

**Roll Call:** 9/0 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Kathleen Usler, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

**Time:** 7:09 PM

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Solomon

**Executive Communications**

**Joseph Newton of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company  
Presentation to Review the City of Warwick Pension Plans**

Update on pension plans for FY2017.

Plans – pays retirees and employees of the city and accounting information allows ability to track over time. Plans covered: Municipal Plan, Police & Fire 1 Plan mostly retirees (closed) poorest funded plan. Police & Fire II – well funded Three open plans – new hires has value of 26% less – only 3 years of new hires, causing small decrease in contribution amts. All three plans have city and employees put money into plans. City meets its obligation. Police 40 year schedule put in we are little ahead of schedule (21 years in) Fixed contribution in place. Contribution to grow in next Unfunded Liability to plan – Retiree – full; current employees – amount of service and paid in. All four plans decreased from last year which is positive. All plans are scheduled to come down. Plans are much smaller Funded ratio – liabilities – assets – target 100% 75% funded, Fire II & Police II – well funded, 2.75% increase; Municipal went up 4% Total contribution to pension plans about half of million dollars

Summary for 2015

Allocations are set by municipal boards

Fiduciaries investment buyers Assets allocation is 60/40

Questions were presented from Council: Councilman Merolla; Councilman Solomon; Councilman Ladouceur; Councilwoman Usler; Councilman Solomon; Councilman Ladouceur; Councilman Merolla.

**Concluded 8:32**

**General Communications –**

1. Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur – The annex building is hot button for me and pushing along on that project he wants to thank David, Kenny, Christy and Joe Blake for their efforts on this project. We had issues with hot floor and avoiding the drafting of RFP and trying to contain that particular situation we ended up getting numbers of \$18,000.00 to encapsulate floor. Dealing with drafting RFP's, going out to bid and they saved a lot of money, etc., etc. He toured building again today and it is almost complete. Numbers received this morning they have spent \$45,000.00 on materials to date. Our own city employees can take pleasure in knowing that they completed it and thanks staffs that has been displaced for their tolerance so Kudos to all who have been involved in this project.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. January 20, 2016

Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 9/0 VV

2. February 1, 2016

Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 9/0 VV

3. February 17, 2016  
Moved by: Colantuono  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 9/0 VV

## 1. Announcement of Appointments –

### **Community Outreach Educational Committee**

1. Anthony Sinapi  
37 Cedar Pond Drive Apt #7  
Warwick, RI 02886                      Member of the Public

### **Charter Review Commission**

1. Celeste Comeau-Mullane  
103 Dartmouth Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888                      Ward 1 Designee
2. Jeremy M. Rix  
196 Pettaconsett Avenue #1  
Warwick, RI 02888                      Ward 2 Designee
3. Timothy J. Howe  
33 Elite Drive  
Warwick, RI 02889                      Ward 3 Designee
4. Councilman Joseph Solomon                      Ward 4
5. Council President Donna Travis                      Ward 6
6. Councilwoman Kathleen Usler                      Ward 7
7. Councilman Joseph Gallucci                      Ward 8

#### **- WITHDRAWN by Councilman Gallucci**

8. Councilman Steve Merolla                      Ward 9
9. Karen Bachus                      School Committee Member
10. Lynne Marran Radiches  
92 Dartmouth Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888                      Mayor's Appointment

### **Westbay Community Action Board of Directors**

1. Daniel P. O'Rourke  
8 Foxcroft Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889
2. Anthony Corrente, Jr.  
91 Park Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889

## 2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none

### 3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-28-16-Resolution Relative to Bids**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Gallucci, Chadronet

**Adopted R-16-18**

2. **PCR-29-16 Resolution Relative to Claims**

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Claim of David Fera withdrawn per  
Councilman Ladouceur, Favorable Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur

**Adopted R-16-19**

3. **PCR-30-16 Resolution Relative to Abatements**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Gallucci, Vella-Wilkinson

**Adopted R-16-20**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

**PCR-31-16 Bid# 2016-245 Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Third-Party  
Administrator or Fully-Insured Carrier -**

Action: Hold to 3/21/16

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote:

**HOLD TO 3/21/2016**

**PCR-32-16 Bid # 2016-24 Photography Supplies & Printing**

Action: Hold to 3/21/16

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote:

**HOLD TO 3/21/2016**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-10-15 Acceptance of Tax Payment a/o date of Post Mark**

(Councilman Merolla)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted O-16-8**

**2. PCO-25-15 License Consolidation for Arts & Crafts Event Vendors**  
(Councilman Solomon)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Solomon  
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Colantuono,  
Ladouceur, Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0

**To Second Passage 4/4/2016**

**3. PCO-1-16 An Ordinance Relative to Illicit Discharges to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 4/4/2016 at request of sponsor**

**4. PCO-2-16 An Ordinance Relative to Soil Erosion, Sediment Control, and Post-Construction Storm Water Control** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 4/4/2016 at request of sponsor**

**5. PCO-4-16 Dishonorable Service Ordinance**  
(Councilman Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla,  
Councilman Gallucci, Councilwoman Usler)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 4/11/2016 at request of sponsor**

**6. PCO-5-16 Term Limits for City Council and Mayor**  
(Councilwoman Usler)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD TO 4/4/2016 at request of sponsor**

**7. PCR-162-15 A Resolution in regards to rescinding the contract of Solar Flair (Solarize Rhode Island, PCR-137-15) because they are not registered/licensed in the State of Rhode Island to conduct business.**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: TO WITHDRAW  
Action: TO WITHDRAW  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson  
Vote: 9/0

**WITHDRAWN**

**8. PCR-10-16 A Forensic Audit**  
(Councilwoman Usler)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD TO 4/4/2016 at request of sponsor**

**9. PCR-14-16 A Resolution Relative to School Bonding**

(Council President Travis, Councilman Colantuono, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Speaking to Council – Philip Thornton, Superintendent, Karen Grande, Bond Council, Bethany Furtado – School Committee Chair

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 8/1 Chadronet

**\*Following 10:05 Recess a motion is made to reconsider**

Action: To reconsider

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 9/0

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-21**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PCR-21-16 A Resolution Establishing an OPEB Trust**

(Councilman Colantuono, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

Speaking from Trust: Colleen Boseony

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Gallucci

Vote:

**HOLD TO 3/21/2016 for figures to be provided to Council**

**9:55 PM 5 minute recess**

**\*10:05 PM Resume meeting**

**2. PCR-22-16 A Resolution regarding a Health Care Contract**

(Councilman Solomon)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson, Ladouceur, Travis, Gallucci, Usler

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-22**

**3. PCR-23-16 A Resolution requesting the Director of DPW appear before the City Council on March 21, 2016 to respond to various accusations of theft within that Department** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Usler

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-23**

**4. PCR-25-16 A Resolution requesting that the City Engineering Department make quarterly appearances before the City Council to report on Stormwater related Permit issues** (Councilman Solomon, Council President Travis, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono on behalf of Councilman Solomon

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Colantuono, Vella-Wilkinson, Ladouceur, Gallucci, Usler

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-24**

**5. PCR-26-16 A Resolution requesting that the Director of MIS Department appear before the City Council on June 20, 2016 to provide a long term plan for providing computer services to City Departments** (Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-25**

**6. PCR-27-16 A resolution to the General Assembly requesting financial incentives and/or offsets to assist Warwick and Rhode Island businesses with the impact of tolls** (Councilman Merolla, Councilman Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Usler, Councilman Colantuono, Councilman Chadronet, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Gallucci, Council President Travis))

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Gallucci, Usler, Ladouceur, Colantuono, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon

Vote: 9/0

**Adopted R-16-26**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for March 7, 2016**

Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur – Resolution for 3/21/2016 School Committee regarding Debt Service and State Reimbursement – NO OBJECTION –Finance Committee  
**PCR-33-16**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Vote:** 9/0 VV

**Time:** 10:20 PM

**Next available numbers:** **PCR-31-16**  
**PCO-8-16**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 1 Councilman Colantuono  
-Resolution – Warwick 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission  
Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-34-16**

Ward 2 Councilman Chadronet  
-Resolution – Transportation – General Assembly regarding Park & Ride  
Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-35-16**

Ward 3 Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson  
-Resolution – Amend City Council Charter Review Commission  
Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-36-16**

-Ordinance – Free Annual Membership to McDermott Pool to Warwick  
Residents who are DAV 70%  
Ordinance Committee **PCO-9-16**

Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur  
-Ordinance – School Consolidation  
Finance Committee **PCO-10-16**