

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
April 23, 2018
@
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: 7:07 PM

Salute to the Flag: Councilman Howe

Executive Communications

General Communications -

1. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: Moment of silence for Melissa Miga and Gustin Buonaiuto.
2. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Moment of silence for Barbara Bush and Gloria Fairbanks
3. Ward 1 – Councilman Corley: Moment of silence for Donald Stabile.
4. Ward 2 – Councilman Rix: Congratulations to the Pilgrim Neighborhood Association on their first event, clean up of Holden Elementary School.
5. Ward 3 – Councilman Howe: Thanks to Warwick Police and Warwick Fire for keeping everyone safe during yesterday’s questionable substance leak.
6. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Reads a card of thanks from Father Marciano for the expressions of condolence on his father’s passing. A memo with a list of available items for repurpose from Warwick Public Schools Occupational, Physical and Special Services Department has been circulated. Will be made part of the record and available to view in the clerk’s office; thanks to Councilman Howe for his efforts and hard work with the school committee. Encourages all to apply for recent job vacancies in the city. Clerk will post them in her office.
7. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: Thank you letter to the Council from the President of St. Gregory Baseball League. Invites all to opening day on Saturday morning. Impossible Dream will host a food truck night on Thursday evening.
8. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Budget hearings to commence after Memorial Day weekend if budget is received by May 15. Bargaining contracts near completion. Council should have a minimum of ten (10) days to review. May have to schedule a special meeting per contract. Keep schedule flexible. Contracts are very cumbersome and require a lot of study. Long hours and tough days in May and June. Will be reviewed responsibly on behalf of recipients, taxpayers and people of the community.

Quarterly Reports

1. **Dan O’Rourke - Water Department** – answers Council questions
2. **Eric Earles – Engineering** –not present
3. **Carlos Zambrano – MIS** –not present
4. **Janine Burke-Wells- WSA** –presented report-answers Council questions

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. March 19, 2018

Moved by: McAllister
Seconded by: Ladouceur
Vote: 9/0 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.
1. Roy Dempsey: Sewer expenses are wrong. Water usage is down. Trees cleared for Governor Francis Farm Project staging/storage area is neglectful. No one was informed. There is no communication.
 2. Stacia Huyler: Reads statement on behalf of Rob Cote regarding his compliant to secretary of state of fire department not following records retention policy. Information on bid for breathing air compressor purchase in April was inaccurate. Purchase of additional fire engines are not necessary.
 3. Cindy Fera: Took two years and \$2,000 to set up her Airbnb. Feels others are being allowed to operate without conforming to the same standards as her business did. Feels she is being singled out and her situation is being ignored by the media and the city.
 4. Judy Cobdon: Regarding gun violence in schools. The world has changed. She is a 911 survivor. Worked at NYSE. Job was under lockdown. Was evacuated for a bomb scare in her office in the UK. Must be aware and vigilant. Even with high security, atrocities happen. Taking steps to make attacks harder is not being afraid it is taking control. Need to realize our freedoms aren't being taken away, we are gaining control of our safety.

Referred Business

1. **PCO-11-18 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, 701 East Avenue, Smart Energy Holdings, LLC and Kevin Rossi, Petitioner** (Councilman Gallucci)

Public Hearing, First Passage

Committee Report: Land Use: Move to Floor for Public Hearing, Corley

Action:	Move to Floor
Moved by:	Corley
Seconded by:	Ladouceur, Travis
Vote:	9/0 VV
Action:	Motion to Open Public Hearing
Moved by:	Gallucci
Seconded by:	Merolla, McAllister
Vote:	9/0 VV

Speaking for: Joseph Brennan, Law Office of K. Joseph Shekarchi on behalf of Petitioners
Thomas Donnelly, Smart Energy Holdings
William DePasquale – Planning Director City of Warwick
Henry Cruciani – Resident of East Avenue
Jerome Sanders – Resident of Railroad Row-concerned of property value
Michael Zarum – Ward 2 Resident
Brian King – Crossman Engineering

Speaking against: Stacia Huyler

Motion to close the P.H.:	Gallucci
Seconded by:	Travis, McAllister, Rix, Howe
Vote:	9/0 VV
Action:	Favorable
Moved by:	Gallucci
Seconded by:	Merolla
Vote:	9/0

TO SECOND PASSAGE 5/21/2018

9:24 Motion for a 10 minute recess by Councilman Ladouceur

Seconded by Councilman Howe

9:38 Meeting reconvenes

1. **Announcement of Appointments** – none

2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation**

Minimum Housing Board of Review

1. Ryan Whalen

47 Austin Road

Warwick, RI 02818

Reappointment

Ward 9

Term to Expire: January 1, 2021

Committee Report: Appointments:

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur

Vote: 9/0

ACCEPTED

3. **Consent Calendar –**

1. **PCR-70-18 -Resolution Relative to Bids**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable (less one item assigned PCR# and one item voted on separately, following section)

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, Gallucci

ADOPTED (R-18-50 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **PCR-71-18 Bid 2018-329 Monthly Cleaning Services**

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

2. **Bid 2018-327 Purchase Kubota Grand L60 with Attachments**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable to Amend, Ladouceur

Action: Move to Amend

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe

Action: Motion to Return Item to Consent Calendar as Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED AS PART OF PCR-70-18 (R-18-50)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **PCO-18-15 Neighborhood Improvement Program- an Ordinance that will make Landlords responsible for the costs to pick up debris left on the street by tenants.** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage- Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

2. PCO-2-18 Tax Sale – Policies and Procedures for Collecting Past Due Water/Sewer Bills (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 7/16/2018**

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

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

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

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

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

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Properties: **HOLD to 6/18/2018**

6. PCR-49-18 Claim - Slinn (Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

7. PCR-57-18 A Resolution Supporting Gun Free Schools

(Councilwoman Travis on behalf of the Warwick School Committee and Mayor Avedisian)

Committee Report: Health, Education and Welfare: **HOLD to 7/16/2018**

8. PCR-58-18 A Resolution Opposing Evergreen Contracts

(Councilwoman Travis on behalf of the Warwick School Committee and Mayor Avedisian)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **HOLD to 8/20/2018**

9. PCR-64-18 Bid 2018-292 Stationary Breathing Air Compressor 6000 PSI

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

10. PCR-65-18 Bid 2018-308 Repairs Boom H85

Committee Report: Finance: **HOLD to 5/7/2018**

11. PCR-66-18 Bid 2019-016 Police College Education Expenses

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED (R-18-51 assigned by Administrative Council Clerk)

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

- 1. PCO-12-18 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, Benefit Street, Assessor's Plat 244, Lots 48 and 50, Harrington Realty, LLC, Petitioner (Councilman McAllister)**

Unanimous Consent for April 23, 2018

All pass

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Seconded by: Merolla, Travis

Vote: 9/0 VV

Time: 9:51 PM

Next Available Numbers: ~~PCR-71-18~~ 72-18
PCO-13-18

DOCKET SESSION

Ward 3 – Councilman Howe – Ordinance Amending Article V, Foreclosure of Owner-Occupied Homes - Health, Education and Welfare Committee *PCO-14-18

Ward 3 Councilman Howe and Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur – Ordinance to Re-open Hallene Road to Evergreen Ave - Health, Education and Welfare Committee *PCO-15-18

Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur – Resolution Extending the Educational Outreach Committee to June 2019 - Health, Education and Welfare Committee *PCR-72-18

Ward 7 Councilman McAllister – Resolution in Regards to House Bill H7501, Relating to Elections – Intergovernmental Committee *PCR-73-18

Ward 8 Councilman Gallucci – Resolution in Regards to Erecting Signs in Sheraton Park Neighborhood – Public Safety Committee *PCR-74-18

*assigned by Administrative Council Clerk