

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
For
April 3, 2017
@
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Joseph J. Solomon, President (absent)
Joseph Gallucci, Pro-Tem Presides

Roll Call: 8/1 Richard Corley, Jeremy Rix, Timothy Howe, Joseph Solomon (absent), Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Stephen McAllister, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla
Time: 7:22 PM
Salute To The Flag: *Councilman Ladouceur*

Executive Communications moved to after Consent Calendar

1. Announcement of Appointments – MOVED TO TOP OF DOCKET

Community Outreach Educational Committee

1. Councilman Richard Corley
550 Algonquin Drive
Warwick, RI 02888
Vice: Kathleen Usler
Ward 1
Term to Expire: NONE
Non-voting member

Planning Board

1. Valerie Bataille
21 South Fair Street
Warwick, RI 02888
Vice: Thomas Kiernan
Ward 1
Term to Expire: January 31, 2022

Harbormaster

1. William Plumb
22 Bolton Street
Warwick, RI 02888
Reappointment
Ward 1
Term to Expire: March 1, 2022

Alarm Review Panel

1. Councilman Timothy Howe
33 Elite Drive
Warwick, RI 02889
Vice: Steve Colantuono
Ward 3
Term to Expire: January 1, 2018
2. Councilman Stephen McAllister
58 Viewesta Road
Warwick, RI 02886
Vice: Councilwoman Kathleen Usler
Ward 7
Term to Expire: January 1, 2018

General Communications –

1. Ward 8 Councilman Gallucci – Council President Solomon is out ill tonight.
2. Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur – Met with members of school department, fire department, fire inspector and Councilman Rix a week ago to discuss the fire alarm systems down at Holliman and Norwood. This is a severe safety issue. When asked, the school department said there were no fire drills conducted after the alarm failure and then denied a drill was conducted on 2/28. Also said parents were notified. Leadership of the

schools said they did not know alarm went down until 2/28, four days later. School Department also did not notify anyone about the sewage back-up at Vets. Students were let back into Vets with no testing to make sure it was safe. Department of health was not notified. School department cannot test for contamination on their own or certify their own fire alarms.

3. Ward 2 Councilman Rix – Fully agrees with Councilman Ladouceur. It is sad state of affairs. The superintendent and staff as of 2/24 told the mayor about Norwood and partially about Holliman – did not tell the other four members of the school committee or teachers at Norwood and no one at all at Holliman, city council or parents. This is a severe safety concern. One month later, there has still been no answer from the superintendent as to why the teachers weren't notified. Was also told no fire drills were conducted at Holliman or Norwood after the 2/24 alarm failure. Feels it was all that more important there should have been a drill. The superintendent later denied saying there was no drill conducted in a Warwick Post article. The motivation behind not getting this information out promptly to the teachers, parents, students and council members needs to be explored. Trust needs to be repaired with clear lines of communication. This is a matter of great concern and safety.
4. Ward 6 Councilwoman Travis – Asks for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Senator William Walaska. There is no trust between the school department and the school committee. The fire alarms were recently discussed in council and this failure was never mentioned. They talked about air conditioning needs at Gorton, but never the sewer problem at Vets or the discolored drinking water at Pilgrim. There is no trust.
5. Ward 1 Councilman Corley – Lack of communication between agencies has resulted in safety concerns for workers and students. Hopes a policy with the fire department is drafted regarding notification of non-working fire alarms. There should be a manual device or other back-up plan to conduct a fire drill in the event of alarm failure. The air quality report at Vets is very concerning. Carbon monoxide levels up to 4,130 were recorded – 5,000 is considered toxic. Hopes fixing this system is a priority. Also the mold issues need to be addressed. Agrees there needs to be better communication between agencies.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. January 18, 2017

Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe
Vote: 8/0 VV

ACCEPTED

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –

Land Trust Commission

1. Jane Kenney Austin
26 Narragansett Bay Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889
Vice: Robert Baxter
Ward 5
Term to Expire: May 1, 2018

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Howe, Travis, McAllister, Corley
Vote: 8/0 VV

ACCEPTED

3. Consent Calendar –

1. **PCR-59-17 Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

ADOPTED R-17-40

2. **PCR-60-17 Resolution Relative to Claims**

(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Travis

Seconded by: McAllister

ADOPTED R-17-41

3. **PCR-61-17 Resolution Relative to Abatements**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister

ADOPTED R-17-42

Consent calendar vote: 8/0

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **PCR-63-17 Bid# 2016-197 Delivery of Industrial Gas**

Committee Report: Finance: Hold to 4/10/2017

2. **PCR-64-17 Bid# 2017-257 Fire Department Dress Uniforms, Badges, Insignias & Name Plates**

Committee Report: Finance: Hold to 4/10/2017

3. **PCR-65-17 Bid# 2017-260 Precast Items for Catch Basins & Manholes**

Committee Report: Finance: Hold to 4/10/2017

4. **PCR-66-17 Bid# 2017-264B Fire Apparatus Repairs (Additional Vendors)**

Committee Report: Finance: Hold to 4/10/2017

5. **PCR-67-17 Bid# 2017-270 Lead Inspection Services**

Committee Report: Finance: Hold to 4/10/2017

Executive Communications

Per PCR-133-16 Healthcare Actuary to address Warwick City Council

Presenting: Ray Cerrone – Jefferson Solutions

8:02 Move to Recess

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 8/0 VV

8:35 Meeting Resumes

Healthcare Actuary resumes presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **PCO-4-16 Dishonorable Service Ordinance**

(Councilman Solomon, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla, Councilman Gallucci)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 5/15/2017

2. **PCO-2-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16**
(Councilwoman Travis on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)
First Passage Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: To Withdraw, Merolla
Action: Withdraw
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: McAllister, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0

WITHDRAWN

3. **PCO-3-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-13-4 Impound & Boarding Fees**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

4. **PCO-4-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-13-4 Dog Licenses & Fines**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

5. **PCO-5-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-12 Confinement of Dangerous Dogs**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

6. **PCO-6-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-72, 4-73 and 4-75 Rabies Vaccines**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

7. **PCO-7-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-48**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

8. **PCO-8-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-113**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

9. **PCO-9-17 An Ordinance Amending 4-19-16**
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

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

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

11. PCR-34-17 Claim USAA/Gertrude Sarli

(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe
Action: Move to Amend
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: McAllister, Howe
Vote: 7/0/1 (Merolla abstains)
Action: Move as Amended
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: Ladouceur
Vote: 7/0/1 (Merolla abstains)

ADOPTED R-17-43

12. PCR-38-17 A Resolution relative to support an amendment to Chapter 2 of Title 45, Section 19 to provide the Warwick Municipal Court with jurisdiction to hear and determine cases and controversies concerning abandoned buildings and using receivership provisions under R.I.G.L. 34-44-1, ET SEQ.

(Councilwoman Travis on behalf of Mayor Avedisian, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Councilman McAllister)

Committee Report: Health, Education and Welfare: Favorable, Howe

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: Travis, Howe, McAllister, Corley
Vote: 8/0

ADOPTED R-17-44

13. PCR-48-17 Claim Jane Altieri

(Councilwoman Travis)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable to Deny, Travis

Action: Favorable to Deny
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: McAllister, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0

DENIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. PCO-19-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 52 of the Code of Ordinances – Death of Other Retired Police Officers and Firefighters

(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

2. PCO-20-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 46 Hawkers & Peddlers

(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 5/15/2017**

3. PCR-55-17 A Resolution in regards to installing a Stop Sign at the intersection of Fairmount and Hilltop (Councilman Merolla)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Public Safety: **Hold to 5/1/2017**

4. PCR-56-17 A Resolution in regards to erecting a Stop Sign on N Marlborough (Southerly side) Ladd at N Marlborough (Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0

ADOPTED R-17-45

5. PCR-57-17 A Resolution in regards to erecting a four way Stop Sign on Ladd Street at the intersection of Duane Street (Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Howe, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0

ADOPTED R-17-46

6. PCR-58-17 A Resolution in regards to erecting 20mph speed limit signs at the entrance of Williams and Ladd Street (Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable to amend, Travis

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Howe
Action: Move to Amend
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0
Action: Move as Amended
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: McAllister, Travis, Ladouceur
Vote: 8/0

ADOPTED R-17-47

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING
none

Unanimous Consent for April 3, 2017

Ward 3 Councilman Howe:

Resolution for the RI Disabled American Veterans for April 10th docket

No objections

Motion to Adjourn: Merolla

Seconded by: Travis, Ladouceur

Vote: no objection

Time: 10:02 PM

Next available numbers: PCR-63-17
PCO-21-17

DOCKET SESSION

Ward 3 Councilman Howe:

1. An Ordinance in regards to non-residence parking passes for Warwick Beaches/Parks – Public Safety Committee – **PCO-21-17**
2. An Ordinance regarding local business support with City Purchasing/Bidding Finance Committee - **PCO-23-17 (Co-Sponsor Councilman McAllister-Ward 7)**
3. A Resolution from the Warwick City Council honoring the RI Disabled American Veterans – Intergovernmental Committee – **PCR-69-17**

Ward 4 Council President Solomon & Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur:

1. A Resolution Adopting and Setting the Tax Rate of the City of Warwick for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018 – Finance Committee – **PCR-70-17**
2. A Resolution Relative to Transfers, Supplemental Appropriations and Emergency Appropriations – Finance Committee – **PCR-71-17**

Ward 5 Councilman Ladouceur:

1. An Ordinance requiring additional information in the Bid Package – Finance Committee – **PCO-24-17**
2. An Ordinance regarding Alarm Testing of all City and Municipal owned buildings – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-25-17**

Ward 9 Councilman Merolla:

1. An Ordinance regarding no through trucking on Ladd and North Marlborough Streets – Public Safety Committee – **PCO-22-17**

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