

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Public Hearing Meeting  
For  
May 15, 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:** 7:03 PM

**Salute to the Flag:** Councilman McAllister

**Executive Communications**

**General Communications -**

1. Ward 4 – Council President Solomon: Regarding the budget, the advertised hearing dates are based on receiving the budget on 5/16. If it's not received on 5/16, the ad dates are inaccurate for scheduled hearings. Everyone is on notice not to make plans for Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, if the budget does not come out tomorrow. Out of respect, no hearing will be held on the actual holiday. The ad says School Committee is meeting on 5/26. Assumes the budget will come out on 5/16. The council members will only have 10 days to examine the budget. The last day for public hearing under city ordinance is Thursday, 6/1. Then there are 24-48 hours to have first hearing to adopt the budget. These dates are not arbitrary, they are dictated by state law, local ordinance and charter.
2. Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis: Reminder that the Memorial Day parade will be held on 5/29 starting at Bishop Hendricken and ending at Vets. At 2:00 p.m., dedication to Blue Star Mothers will be held at Vets. In the Saturday paper a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Vets, Kylie Powers, wrote a letter expressing concern about being sick and pipes bursting in her classroom. Communication between the Council, school committee and the union needs to improve. These issues at the schools are affecting children's health and education. Something needs to be done now.
3. Ward 7 – Councilman McAllister: There are two new programs RI Housing is doing with the U.S. Treasury Department. Warwick is one of 7 communities and towns participating. The first is a program which allows up to \$7,500 for eligible 1st time home buyers towards a down payment. There are a lot of great houses in Ward 7 for sale. The second is to assist people "underwater" or who owe more on their house than the worth. He urges people to contact RI Housing to see if they are eligible.
4. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla: Thanks council members and public for attending his father's service and for the letters of condolence. Glad to be back after a tough two months. Thanks Council President Solomon for the kind words in his absence and the Mayor for lowering the flags in honor of his father.
5. Ward 3 – Councilman Rix: Invites everyone to a meeting of the Norwood Neighborhood Association on Wednesday. Will hopefully have updates on the continuous flooding of Norwood field. Eagerly awaits updates from DPW on that issue. Hopes for a good, productive informative meeting.
6. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur: To add to Council President's comments. As to Memorial Day weekend activities it will be unfortunate if citizens, voters and taxpayers have to be here to go through the budget process. It's easy to say it's Council's fault. If the budget doesn't come out tomorrow, it's not their fault.

**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. Rob Cote: Condolences to Councilman Merolla on the passing of his dad. He was a genuine asset to his country and community. Also thanks Councilman Merolla for the time he takes with him and others.

Regarding Councilwoman Travis’s comments about the schools, he has spoken on numerous occasions of his experience building schools. Has worked on three dozen in the last three years in CT and MA. They build a new school on the athletic grounds, bulldoze the old school and build new athletic fields. It’s being done in every city in MA and CT. We need to look at that formula. Number of students x 200 sq. ft. per student, x 350/400 depending on high school or elementary. Children coming home sick is a problem. The schools need to be knocked down not repaired.

Thanks Council for overriding last four vetoes the Mayor put forth on ordinances unanimously sponsored by Council. Problematic the Mayor vetoed them as they were all tools for transparency so Council can do its work. Unprecedented that all four were vetoed. Should challenge and question all areas of budget, all departments. The city is in dire financial constraints. Need to tighten belt and scrutinize every line item. Thanks for the hard work. Looks forward to seeing everyone at budget hearings.

2. Christopher Costa: Lives in Ward 3. Intersections of Drift, Rodney and Stillwater dire need of repair. Replaced car struts within the year already damaged again. Stillwater halfway up was recently repaired, last 10 years, since then, trees have started to create bumps and holes in road. At that intersection of three roads near buckeye brook, floods quite often. It also has flooding because it’s low. Anyway something can be done. Very bad situation over there.

**Referred Business**

**1. PCR-62-17 – Resolution authorizing dredging at Harbor Light Marina**  
(Councilman ~~Ladouceur~~ Corley)

**Public Hearing**

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

Action: Open Public Hearing

Moved by: Corley

Seconded by: Travis, Gallucci

Vote: 9/0 VV

Speaking for: Phil Noel, Legal Counsel representing the family business  
10 year plan for dredging  
Discussed outstanding tax bill

Speaking against: NONE

Motion to close the P.H.:

Moved by: Corley

Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 9/0 VV

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Corley

Seconded by: Travis, McAllister, Gallucci, Merolla, Howe

Vote: 8/0/1 (Ladouceur abstains)

**ADOPTED R-17-63**

1. **Announcement of Appointments** – none
2. **Appointments Requiring Confirmation** – none
3. **Consent Calendar** –

1. **PCR-83-17 -Resolution Relative to Bids**  
(Councilman Ladouceur)

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

**ADOPTED R-17-64**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. **PCR-84-17 Bid 2018-009 City of Warwick & Warwick Public Schools Medical & Dental Insurance Benefits & Stop-Loss Provider**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable to floor for discussion, Ladouceur  
 Action: Favorable  
 Moved by: Ladouceur  
 Seconded by: Howe, McAllister, Travis, Gallucci, Merolla, Rix, Corley  
 Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-65**

2. **PCR-85-17 Bid 2018-021 Printing of Various Letterhead, Envelopes & Various Forms**

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

**UNFAVORABLE**

3. **PCR-86-17 Bid 2018-035 Software & License Support OSDBA**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-18-17 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, 1009 Centerville Road, MiKent Inc., Petitioner** (Councilman Gallucci)

**Second Passage**

Committee Report: Land Use: Favorable, Corley  
 Action: Favorable  
 Moved by: Gallucci  
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Travis, Howe, Corley, Rix  
 Vote: 9/0

**SECOND PASSAGE O-17-11**

2. **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 6/19/2017**

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

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 7/17/2017**

4. **PCO-27-16 An Ordinance to amend the Code regarding Minimum Housing Violation Fees and Fines** (Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Howe on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

5. **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: withdraw at request of sponsor, Merolla  
Action: Withdraw  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0

**WITHDRAWN**

6. **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: withdraw at request of sponsor, Merolla  
Action: Withdraw  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur  
Vote: 9/0

**WITHDRAWN**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

8. **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**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

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

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

- 13. 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 7/17/2017**

- 14. PCO-20-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 46 Hawkers & Peddlers**  
(Council President Solomon on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 7/17/2017**

- 15. PCO-21-17 An Ordinance regarding Non-Resident Parking Passes for Warwick Beaches/Parks** (Councilman Howe)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Withdraw at request of sponsor, Travis

Action: Move to withdraw

Moved by: Howe

Seconded by: Travis

Vote: 9/0

**WITHDRAWN**

- 16. PCO-22-17 An Ordinance regarding no through trucking on Ladd and North Marlborough Streets** (Councilman Merolla)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur, McAllister, Travis, Corley

Vote: 9/0

**To Second Passage 6/19/2017**

- 17. PCR-8-17 A Resolution requesting that the Purchasing Agent update the list of vendors who receive requests for bids and RFP's**  
(Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Merolla)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 7/17/2017**

**18. PCR-16-17 A Resolution to the General Assembly requesting a Resolution to National Grid regarding electrical wires near Norton's Marina**

(Councilman Merolla, Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

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

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Travis

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Travis, Howe, Corley

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-66**

**20. PCR-70-17 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**

(Council President Solomon and Councilman Ladouceur on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to first Public Budget Hearing**

**21. PCR-71-17 Resolution Relative to Transfers, Supplemental Appropriations and Emergency Appropriations** (Council President Solomon and Councilman Ladouceur on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to first Public Budget Hearing**

**22. PCR-74-17 Bid #2017-269 Purchase & Installation of a Vertical Wheelchair Lift at the Cooper Armory** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: McAllister, Howe, Corley

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-67**

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

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 6/19/2017**

**24. PCR-79-17 Bid #2017-294 Radio System Maintenance & Repair Services for Infrastructure, Portables & Mobiles** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Howe, McAllister, Travis

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-17-68**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for May 15, 2017**

none

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Seconded by:** Merolla, Ladouceur

**Vote:** 9/0 VV

**Time:** 9:34 PM

**Next Available Numbers:** **PCR-84-17**  
**PCO-27-17**

**DOCKET SESSION**

Ward 3 Councilman Howe:

1. Ordinance for a change in Building Variance for at home/local business – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-27-17**
2. A Resolution supporting RIAC 2017-H6160 – Finance Committee – **PCR-87-17**

Ward 6 Councilwoman Travis:

1. An Ordinance in regards to Recreational Off Road Vehicles – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-28-17**

Ward 6 Councilwoman Travis, Ward 4 Council President Solomon, Ward 3 Councilman Howe on behalf of Mayor Avedisian

1. An Ordinance Amending Sec 18-8 Beach Fees – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-29-17**

Ward 7 Councilman McAllister and Ward 4 Council President Solomon

1. An Ordinance in regards to Zoning & Land Use amendments and updating – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-30-17**

Ward 4 Council President Solomon, Ward 2 Councilman Rix

1. An Ordinance prohibiting store sales of Dogs & Cats – Ordinance Committee – **PCO-31-17**

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