

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
May 16, 2016
@
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Donna Travis, President

Roll Call: 8/1 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Kathleen Usler (arrived 7:09), Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

Time: 7:07

Salute to the Flag: Councilman Chadronet

Executive Communications

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5 (a) (2), this public body may convene into Executive Session regarding pending/potential litigation relative to the following case:**

RIPDES General Permit

Move to convene by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Move to close:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Move to seal minutes:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Time:

NOT HELD

General Communications -

1. Council President Travis – Welcomes Troop 1 Gaspee Plateau
2. Councilman Colantuono – Would like to acknowledge a couple of young man from Gaspee Plateau Troop 1 Austin Blaze and A.J. Gabriel here working on their communication badge and they are going to pay close attention to the workings of the City Council so welcome and thank you for being here.
3. Councilman Ladouceur – Would like to take a minute to tell you about one of our young students in the City of Warwick. Today he was honored at the State House by the Lt. Governor for his leadership. He is the Co-Chair of the Economic Review Commission on the City Council as well as many other leadership roles. Today he was honored on the house floor by all of the Representatives including the Lt. Governor and presented the Lt. Governor’s Leadership Award. Congratulations Nathan, great job.
4. Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson – To announce it is not too late for any community groups that our interested in marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Any groups, schools, scout troops, or teams that are interested in participating, please contact Joanne Cournoyer, Council Liaison with their name, point of contact and phone number. We will make sure that someone from the Warwick Veterans Council calls you.

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. Karen Bachus – Here to speak about school budget and the mess. There was no contract and we continue to not have a contract and we are now in arbitration, with a lot of things in Court. Things are being tossed out, such as reading recovery, which is an important program. Why can't they keep reading recovery, it has been researched and proven best results of any program. 64 teachers have been laid off we have no contract that means current contract stays in effect. There should only be able to lay off 20. Very disrespectful how the 64 layoffs where done. 2015 audit has not been provided to school committee or council. Teachers know best what we need.
- 2. Janice Pangman - Regarding Winslow Park – people parking in front of house and driveway. You put sign up no parking either side, park rules also posted police taken notice. There is debris in yard, noise, screaming and smoking all weekend into night. They use as stop and dropped, police do not come when called.
- 3. Nathan Cornell – Co-Chair – Reading Recovery was cut from school budget. He thinks this was a bad idea. Reading Recovery is a very important program.
- 4. Robert Cote – Councilman Vella-Wilkinson and Council President Travis, at council meetings on the 21st comments were inappropriate, and time given for public speaking is incorrect, should be more time given and the Attorney General's Office has been informed. Council should offer left over time to public if they wish to speak. Fire Department overtime is insane. Council voted for this contract. It doesn't make any sense. Very disappointed in Councilman Gallucci because he did not review contract.
- 5. Jeremy Rix – Ward 2 – Norwood Neighborhood Association is having its 1st Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting; he encourages everyone from the neighborhood to attend this program. Please stop by and get involved. Everyone across the city should have a neighborhood crime watch.

1. Announcement of Appointments – none

2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – none

3. Consent Calendar –

- 1. **PCR-65-16 -Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci

ADOPTED R-16-52

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

PCR-66-16 Bid# 2017-3 City of Warwick Medical Insurance Benefits & Stop-Loss Provider

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci
Action: Motion to suspend rules to allow for speaking
Moved by: Solomon

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Colantuono, Merolla, Ladouceur
Vote: 9VV

Speaking: Robert Calise – Managing Director Cornerstone Gencorp.
Allen Lorde – Director of West Bay Community Action
Brian Lavallee – Director of Employee Benefits – The RI Interlocal Risk
Management Trust

Action: to amend to 1 year contract
Moved by: Solomon
Seconded by: Ladouceur
Vote: 9/0
Action: Move as amended
Moved by: Colantuono
Seconded by: Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet, Ladouceur
Vote: 7/2 (Merolla, Usler)

ADOPTED R-16-55

PCR-67-16 Bid# 2017-4 Dental Self-Insured Administrator

Action: **HOLD to 6/6/2016**

PCR-68-16 Bid# 2015-138A Police Personnel Uniforms

Action: **Hold to 6/6/2016**

**PCR-69-16 Bid# 2016-320 Professional Services Related to Design, Printing & Mail
Preparation of Consumer Confidence Reports (Re-bid)**

Action: to amend amount to \$4,360
Moved by: Solomon
Action: to vote on amount of \$4,360
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet
Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-16-56

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **PCO-8-16 An Ordinance relative to the Abandonment of a Portion
of Hallene Road, Marley Realty, LLC, Petitioner** (Councilwoman
Vella-Wilkinson)

Second Passage

Committee Report: Land Use: Favorable, Colantuono
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono
Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED O-16-11

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)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 7/18/2016**

3. **PCO-28-15 Tax Stabilization Agreement for Intermodal District**
(Councilman Merolla, Councilman Solomon)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: Move to floor, Vella-Wilkinson
Action: TO WITHDRAW
Moved by: Solomon
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Merolla
Vote: 9/0

WITHDRAWN

4. **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 6/20/2016**

5. **PCO-11-16 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, Veracruz Shabo, LLC, Petitioner** (Council President Travis)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: Land Use: **Hold to 6/20/2016**

6. **PCR-9-16 Sub A A Resolution Requesting a Comprehensive Audit be Conducted in Preparation for the FY2017 Budget Hearings**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 6/6/2016**

7. **PCR-48-16 A Resolution adopting and Setting the Tax Rate of the City of Warwick for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Colantuono)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 5/25/2016**

8. **PCR-49-16 A Resolution Relative to Transfers, Supplemental Appropriations and Emergency Appropriations** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilman Colantuono)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 5/25/2016**

9. **PCR-53-16 A Resolution requesting Warwick participate in the “Resilient Cities Campaign”** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: **Hold to 6/20/2016**

10. **PCR-57-16 Resolution Relative to Abatements**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 7/18/2016**

11. **PCR-61-16 Sub A Bid# 2017-8 Sand, Grit, Gravel, Loam & Stone**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Chadronet, Colantuono, Ladouceur, Gallucci

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-16-53

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PCR-63-16 A Resolution in regards to the City of Warwick Applications for 2016 RIDEM Recreation Acquisition & Development Grant Program**
(Councilman President Travis, Councilman Solomon, Councilman Colantuono, Councilman Chadronet, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Gallucci, Councilman Merolla, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Solomon

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

Vote: 9/0

ADOPTED R-16-54

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

none

Unanimous Consent for May 16, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: Gallucci

Vote:

Time: 9:45

Next Available Numbers:

PCR-66-16

PCO-17-16

DOCKET SESSION

Councilman Colantuono – Resolution relative to consent agreement between the City of Warwick and RIDEM – Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-70-16**

Councilman Ladouceur

Resolution extending the sunset clause of the Community Outreach Committee (PCR-98-15/R-15-106) to June 30, 2017 and extend appointments – Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-71-16**

Resolution requesting the WSA institute a law suit against any and all parties responsible for the erroneous engineering for the WSA Levy in an effort to recover any and all associated costs related thereto – Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-72-16**

Resolution requesting that the WSA immediately hire an independent Project Manager for any and all sewer projects in progress or that will be commencing in the future – Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-73-16**

Resolution to require any department head that makes any transfer in any line item in their budget to notify the City Council in writing at the next City Council meeting after making said transfer – Finance Committee **PCR-74-16**