

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION IN REGARDS TO BAYSIDE SEWER PROJECT – WARWICK SEWER
AUTHORITY AND CITY TO SIGN AND ISSUE THE CONTRACT TO D’AMBRA
CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the Bayside Wastewater Collection System, otherwise known as the “Bayside Sewer Project,” is a project that will involve the installation of approximately twelve (12) miles of sewer main to service nearly 900 properties within the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, said project has been repeatedly delayed due to several issues, including but not limited to structural concerns of the Mill Creek Bridge and the discovery of the remains of a significant Native American village; and

WHEREAS, although the Bayside Sewer Project has been re-prioritized in the last five (5) years, the residents of these 900 properties have been waiting approximately twenty-five (25) years for the installation of new sewers; and

WHEREAS, the roads surrounding and leading to these 900 properties are in dire need of resurfacing, but have not been resurfaced because of the delay to the sewer installation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of these 900 properties are currently connected to aging and outdated septic systems and cesspools; and

WHEREAS, the residents connected to septic systems and cesspools are forced to pump their septic tanks and cesspools on a bi-monthly basis, at their own expense; and

WHEREAS, the costs of these pumping services have increased greatly over the past twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (“DEM”) that outdated septic tanks and cesspools be promptly removed due to environmental concerns (a/k/a “Cesspool Phaseout”), but DEM has repeatedly extended an amnesty period to these residents while they await the action of the Warwick Sewer Authority; and

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WHEREAS, said amnesty from the DEM is set to expire in the coming months, and upon expiration, the residents of these 900 properties would incur even further penalties at their own expense; and

WHEREAS, in February of this year, the Warwick Sewer Authority has requested bids and selected the lowest qualified bidder, D'Ambra Construction, but a contract has not yet been executed between the parties, and therefore, work has yet to begin on this long overdue project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council hereby requests that a contract be executed with D'Ambra Construction immediately so that work on this project may begin forthwith, so as to spare the residents of the affected properties the further expense of pumping their septic tanks and cesspools.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Director of the Warwick Sewer Authority, the Finance Director, and the Mayor.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

COMMITTEE: FINANCE