

Minutes Approved
February 1, 2016

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
December 21, 2015
@
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
@ 7:00 P.M.

Donna Travis, President absent
Joseph Gallucci, President, Pro Tem

AMENDED

Roll Call: 7/2 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis (absent), Kathleen Usler (absent), Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

Time: 7:00 PM

Salute to the Flag: Councilman Solomon

Executive Communications

General Communications -

1. Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson - Publicly thank three members of the Mayor's Staff and thanks all for attending Boot Camp Breakfast at Jonah Center sponsored by RI Military Association and Warwick Veterans Association. Karen Jedson sent press release, placed on facebook and twitter, they ended up with over 120 attendees, ran out of room sent out SOS to David Picozzi and Joe Blake and they came to the rescue with more tables and chairs. The DAV processed 30 claims and 3 additional later in day for Disabled American Veterans so event was well received. Again would like to specially thank Karen Jedson, David Picozzi and Joe Blake for the support that they provided to the veterans. If it was not for their effort we would probably only have the original 24 that responded.

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. Richard Corrente: Ward 7 wanted to say Merry Christmas to everybody and Happy New Year for 2016. My promise to you is that 2016 will bring great improvement to the City we all love.
2. Rob Cote – Wishes council city workers happy holiday and hope all are safe during this precious time in our lives. Docket - Resolution by Councilwoman Vella- Wilkinson last week on audit and why was it removed without discussion. It was to expenses for Forensic audit Shows wasteful and criminal activity and there is no logic for this. No concern for cost on health care consultant, when city solicitor was rehired and no consideration for cost to city when city auditor was hired which was against city council rules.
The fact of the matters that happened with personnel at school, we need to do a forensic audit for city and school. We need to institute inventory control system. We need to hold people accountable and as to evidence why we need forensic audit. The 30 year party on the tax payers dime is over. This week she was supposed to re -docket forensic audit. Councilman Joe Solomon brought up dishonorable service resolution and the forensic audit. The resolution was shot down by the council, Vote was 3-6. It would suggest that forensic audit should be done. He hopes Mr. Solomon will reintroduce his legislation and it would be approved unanimously by council.

3. Mr. Elmer Gardner has been community activist; his work over the years has been shown in letters to the Warwick Beacon. He wrote a song about the State of Rhode Island to make us feel better about ourselves. Hopes song will inspire everyone a little bit. Ward 3 on behalf on the entire City Council presents a United States Navy Competitive Coin for all his does for City.

Referred Business

1. PCO-33-15 An Ordinance relative to the Abandonment of Portions of Progress Street and Fort Street, Harbor Light Marina Inc., Petitioner (Councilman Ladouceur)

Public Hearing, First Passage

Committee Report: Land Use: Referred for Public Hearing, Colantuono
 Action: Public Hearing
 Moved by: Ladouceur
 Seconded by: Merolla, Colantuono, Solomon
 Vote: 7/0 VV

Speaking for: Governor Noel, Attorney for Petitioner
 William DePasquale, Director, Planning Department

Action: Recess 7:40
Moved by: Councilman Solomon
Seconded by: Councilman Colantuono
Vote: 7/0 VV
Resume meeting 7:47

Speaking against: None

Motion to close the P.H.: Ladouceur
 Seconded by: Solomon
 Vote: 7/0 VV

Action: Favorable with conditions and recommendations of Planning Department
 Moved by: Solomon
 Seconded by: Ladouceur
 Vote: 6/0/1 (Ladouceur, recused)

To Second Passage 1/20/2016

2. PCO-34-15 An Ordinance relative to a Zone Change Petition, M&M Land Company c/o Kevin Murphy, Petitioner (Councilman Merolla)

Public Hearing, First Passage

Committee Report: Land Use: Referred to Public Hearing, Colantuono
 Action: Public Hearing
 Moved by: Merolla
 Seconded by: Colantuono
 Vote: 7/0

Speaking for: Joseph Shekarchi, Attorney for Kevin Murphy, Petitioner
 William DePasquale, Director of Planning Department

Speaking against: Cynthia Norstrom
 Thomas Mitchell

Motion to close the P.H.: Merolla
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson, Colantuono
 Vote: 7/0 VV
 Action: Favorable
 Moved by: Merolla
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson
 Action: Move to amend
 Moved by: Merolla

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet
Vote: 7/0
Action: Move as amended
Moved by: Merolla
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon
Vote: 7/0

To Second Passage as Amended 1/20/2016

**3. PCO-36-15 An Ordinance relative to the Abandonment of
Lexington Street, Harbor Light Marina, Inc., Petitioner
(Councilman Ladouceur)**

Public Hearing, First Passage

Committee Report: Land Use: Referred to Public Hearing, Colantuono
Action: Public Hearing
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Merolla, Colantuono, Solomon
Vote: 7/0 VV

Speaking for: Governor Noel, Attorney for Petitioner
William DePasquale, Director of Planning Department

Speaking against: None

Motion to close the P.H.: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Solomon
Vote: 7/0 VV

Action: Favorable with conditions and recommendations of Planning Department
Moved by: Solomon
Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur
Vote: 6/0/1 (Ladouceur, recused)

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

1. **PCR 167-15 -Resolution Relative to Bids**
(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

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

Consent calendar vote: 7/0

ADOPTED R-15-141

PCR-168-15 Bid #2016-84 Pipe Fittings & Valves

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Chadronet, Colantuono
Vote: 6/0/1 (Merolla abstains)

ADOPTED R-15-142

PCR-169-15 Bid #2016-183 Purchase (2) 2016 Chevy 3500 HD 4WD w/Fisher 8' Hydraulic Snowplow with Snow Foil

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Colantuono
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson
Vote: 5/2 (Merolla, Solomon)

ADOPTED R-15-143

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **PCO-26-15 An Ordinance regarding a minimum landscaped buffer at Wethersfield Commons** (Councilman Gallucci, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

First Passage - Not Drafted – Move to Pending File Per Council Rule 30

Committee Report: Ordinance: Move to pending file
Action: Move to Pending
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono
Vote: 7/0 VV

TO PENDING FILE

2. **PCO-27-15 Budget Items** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage - Not Drafted - Move to pending file at request of Sponsor

Committee Report: Finance:

TO PENDING FILE

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

First Passage – Not Drafted – Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

Committee Report: Finance:

HOLD 1/20

4. **PCO-31-15 Sub A Snow & Ice Article 4 Section 70-101 Amendment**
(Councilman Ladouceur)

Second Passage as Amended

Committee Report: Ordinance: Favorable, Gallucci
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Ladouceur
Seconded by: Colantuono, Chadronet
Vote: 5/2 Solomon, Merolla

ADOPTED O-15-18

5. **PCO-35-15 An Ordinance regarding vehicles using the Petro facility at 141 Knight Street use access and egress via Pontiac Avenue** (Councilman Gallucci)

First Passage

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci
Action: Favorable
Moved by: Colantuono
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Vella-Wilkinson, Chadronet
Vote: 7/0

To Second Passage 1/20/2016

6. **PCR-121-15 Planning Department to provide a presentation to the City Council and General Public regarding the Storm Water Management Plan including the 2007 RIDEM Watershed Report** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Not Drafted – Vella-Wilkinson Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

Committee Report: Intergovernmental:

HOLD 1/20/2016

7. PCR-139-15 A Resolution requesting a Warwick Police Officer attend each City Council Meeting (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor, Vella-Wilkinson

HOLD 1/20/2016

8. PCR-153-15 A Resolution relative to authorize the Mayor to execute a restrictive covenant to protect certain environmentally sensitive properties along Warwick Cove (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Public Property: To floor without recommendation, Ladouceur

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Colantuono
Seconded by: Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson
Vote: 6/0/1 (Ladouceur recused)

ADOPTED R-15-139

9. PCR-164-15 Bid# 2016-193 Advertising & Design Services (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson
Seconded by: Colantuono
Vote: 6/1 (Merolla)

ADOPTED R-15-140

FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING

none

Unanimous Consent for December 21, 2015

1. PCO-37-15 Parking Restrictions for Oakland Beach School (Council President Travis)

Motion: Favorable
Moved by: Colantuono
Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson
Vote: 7/0

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Motion to Adjourn: Solomon

Vote: 7/0 VV

Time: 9:25 PM

Next Available Numbers:

PCR-168-15

PCO-38-15

DOCKET SESSION

Councilman Colantuono:

1. Resolution - Preserve America Community Intergovernmental Committee **PCR-8-16**
2. Ordinance - illicit discharges to Municipal separate storm Sewer Ordinance Committee **PCO-1-16**
3. Ordinance – Soil Erosion, sediment control, storm water control Ordinance Committee **PCO-2-16**

Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson: Resolution – Comprehensive Audit FY 2017 Budget Hearing – Finance Committee – **PCR-9-16**

Councilman Ladouceur: Ordinance – Restricted Parking – Ogden Avenue Public Safety Committee – **PCO-3-16**

Attest,

Judy Wild
City Clerk