

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

137 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, PAWTUCKET, RI

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

7:00 PM

PRE-COUNCIL AGENDA

5:30 PM – FINANCE COMMITTEE

6:00 PM – PUBLIC WORKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE

6:30 PM – US MARINE CORPS RESERVES – TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

6:45 PM – PRE-COUNCIL – Appointment – Pawt. Redevelopment Agency – William D. Vieira, Sr.

Appointment – Pawt. Parks Commission - Robert A. Wyllie

6:45 PM – PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

6:45 PM – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

7:00 PM – CITY COUNCIL

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1. *CONSENT AGENDA

2. *CORRESPONDENCE

A. Communication from Rhode Island Department of Transportation to the Pawtucket City Council (Pawtucket Bridge #550 Updates for January 20 –January 26, 2013 and January 27 – February 2, 2013)

B. Communication from Joanna L’Heureux, Director of Finance, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council. (Statement of Estimated, Realized, and Unrealized Revenues for the fiscal period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012)

C. Communication from Jeannine S. Bourski, Deputy Finance Director, to Mayor Donald R. Grebien. (Uniform Overtime FY13)

D. Communication from Jeannine S. Bourski, Deputy Finance Director, to Mayor Donald R. Grebien. (Medical Fund Report)

E. Communication from Joanna L’Heureux, Director of Finance, to Susanne Greschner, Chief of Municipal Finance, RI Department of Revenue. (Update – City’s Pension Funding Improvement Plan)

F. Communication from Beth Roberge, to the Honorable Mayor Donald R. Grebien. (Resignation from the Parks Commission)

G. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the City Council. (Contract for City Sanitation Services)

H. Communication from Councilors Jean Philippe Barros and Albert J. Vitali, Jr. to Antonio J. Pires, Public Safety Director. (Gun Buyback Program)

I. Communication from Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Redevelopment, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk. (Response – Grant Writing - Paige Bronk, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning & Redevelopment)

J. Communication from Lance Hill, PE, Director of Public Works, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk. (Response – Transfer Station Inspections)

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K. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to

Richard Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk. (Response – Charter Review Commission)

L. Communication from Denise Panichas, Executive Director, the Samaritans of RI, to the Honorable Mayor Donald R. Grebien and the Honorable John J. Barry, III, Pawtucket City Council Finance Committee Chairman, requesting support of a \$500 appropriation for Suicide Prevention in the upcoming budget. TO BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

M. Communication from Robert W. Burns, Acting Tax Assessor, to the Honorable City Council. (Tax Abatements for July, August, and September, 2012)

N. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON AUTOMOBILES, REAL ESTATE, AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$245,039.52 FOR JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, 2012 – TO BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

O. Communication from Robert W. Burns, Acting Tax Assessor, to the Honorable City Council. (Tax Abatements for October, November, and December, 2012)

P. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON AUTOMOBILES, REAL ESTATE, AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL

PROPERTY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$115,289.85 FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, 2012 – TO BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

3. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following appointment to the Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency, for confirmation:

PAWTUCKET REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

William D. Vieira, Sr., 85 Samuel Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires September 12, 2016. (To commence on February 2013 and to fill the unexpired term of Richard Kazarian)

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

4. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following appointment to the Pawtucket Parks Commission, for confirmation:

PAWTUCKET PARKS COMMISSION

Robert A. Wyllie, 74 Harcourt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires January, 2015. (To commence on February 2013 and to fill the unexpired term of Beth Roberge)

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

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5. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the City Planning Commission, for confirmation:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

David M. Chmielewski, 56 Arland Drive, Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the first Monday in January 2018.

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

6. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for confirmation:

BOARD OF APPEALS

George Shabo, 125 Glen Meadows Drive, Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the first Monday in January 2018.

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

7. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the Pension Board, for confirmation:

PENSION BOARD

Kenneth Gould, 16 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the first Monday in January 2015.

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

8. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the Public Library Trustees, for confirmation:

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Reverend Edward G. St. Goddard, 99 Clyde Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the first Monday in January 2016.

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

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9. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the Public Library Trustees, for confirmation:

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Roger J. Peloquin, Jr., 39 Amherst Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860.
Term expires the first Monday in January 2016.**

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

10. Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Pawtucket City Council submitting the following reappointment to the Public Library Trustees, for confirmation:

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Mary Ellen Siniak, 188 Rhode Island Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860.
Term expires the first Monday in January 2016.**

ROLL CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

AYES_____ NOES_____

11. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, requesting approval of the following appointees to the Pawtucket Charter Review Commission:

**David R. Barber Steven Lagasse
Gerard Charbonneau Shaun O'Brien
Kristen McGill Lisa A. Savikas
Melissa D. Brusso John E. Sawyer
Sandra Bachini-Gaboriault Stephanie J. Saraiva
Lawrence J. Monastesse**

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

12. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS. (2 year terms)

A. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ROLL CALL AYES _____ NOES _____

B. JUDGE OF PROBATE _____

ROLL CALL AYES _____ NOES _____

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13. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICER (To fill the unexpired term of former Associate Judge Donna Nesselbush. Term expires 2015.)

ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE _____

ROLL CALL AYES _____ NOES _____

14. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE PURCHASING BOARD. Term expires first Monday in January 2015.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

15. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD. Term expires first Monday in January 2015.

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

16. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE ARTS PANEL REVIEW COMMITTEE. Term expires first Monday in June 2013. (To fill the unexpired Term of James F. Chadwick, Jr.)

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

**17. PETITIONS TO BE ELECTED WEIGHERS OF MERCHANDISE (2
Year Terms):**

Adam Sinel

Charles R. Sinel

Samuel S. Sinel

**18. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE US
MARINE CORPS RESERVES FOR THE RHODE ISLAND TOYS FOR
TOTS CAMPAIGN.**

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

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19. THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE, SUBMITTED BY THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL, WAS POSTPONED AT THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 2013, AND IS AGAIN TAKEN UP:

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 363 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED "TAXATION" (Exemption for Property in Historic Zones)

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE TITLED ORDINANCE IS TAKEN UP:

AMENDMENT:

Subsections (B) and (D) of § 363-59 entitled, "Amount of exemption; Entitlement," shall be amended to read as follows:

(B) In addition to meeting all of the requirements in subsection (A) of this section, to be entitled to this exemption each year beginning with taxes due in July 2014, property owners must:

1. Maintain their properties to be in compliance with all of the state building and housing codes and all municipal codes. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CORRECT ANY VIOLATIONS OF SAID CODES WITHIN THE TIME FRAMES

ALLOWED IN SAID CODES, SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT;

2. Ensure that all construction, alterations, repairs, removals or demolitions affecting the exterior appearance of structures on their properties are done in compliance with Article V (Historic Districts) of Chapter 410 of the Pawtucket Code of Ordinances, entitled, Zoning.

(D) Any property owner not certified as eligible for this exemption in any year shall be notified in writing by the Department. Any property owner so notified may, within 30 days of the date of the notice, file an appeal of the decision of the Department with the Pawtucket ZONING Board of Appeals .

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

20. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 363 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996, ENTITLED "TAXATION" (Exemption for Property in Historic Zones) AS AMENDED

FOR FIRST PASSAGE

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

21. *THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY TO BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS:

560 Mineral Spring Avenue Associates LLC, by Douglas A. Giron, Esq. – No Amount Specified

DIBCO, LLC, by Douglas A. Giron Esq. – No Amount Specified

Pauline Bonsignore - \$349.93/\$383.32

Marie Pauline Charpentier, by Sharon D. Sybel, Esq. - \$100,000

Melanie DiSano - \$295.06/\$298.99

East Coast Collision - \$800.50

Nelson Poirier - \$923.83/\$2,100.37

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22. THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS RETURNS THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY:

RECOMMENDED TO BE PAID –

Barbara Lagerstrom - \$110.00

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

Thomas McAndrew, Esq. - \$300.00

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

Debra Zaino - \$208.67

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

Philip Pascucci - \$5,000.00

ROLL CALL AYES_____ NOES_____

**RECOMMENDED TO BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT AND
REFERRED TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT –**

Doris Poulin by Michael Horan, Esq. – No Amount Specified

ADJOURNED _____ P.M.