A regular session of the Pawtucket City Council was held Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:34 p.m., in the Pawtucket Municipal Annex, City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 100 Freight St., Pawtucket, RI.

Present – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

Absent – Councilors Moran and Rubio.

President Mercer presided.

The reading of the records of the September 28, 2026 Joint Committee of the Whole, Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Finance Committee meeting, and the October 7, 2026 City Property Committee meeting, Committee on Claims and Pending Suits meeting, and City Council meeting was dispensed with and the records were APPROVED as prepared by the Clerk.

Upon motion made by Councilor Araujo, seconded by Councilor Wildenhain, the *Consent Agenda was APPROVED on a unanimous voice vote:

*THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE READ AND ORDERED FILED

A. Resolutions from the Town of Exeter Supporting Glocester and Other RI Municipalities Seeking Reform of Dam Emergency Action Plan Requirements; and Requesting the RI General Assembly to Relieve Cities and Towns of the Unfunded Mandate to Prepare Emergency Action Plans for Privately Owned Dams, and to End the Penalizing of Municipalities for Owner Noncompliance

** C. Communication from Megan Havrilla, Associate Director, Colliers Project Leaders, to Pawtucket School Department & Others (Pawtucket High School Construction Report)

E. Communication from Chris Crawley, Acting Director of Public Works, to the Honorable David Moran, 1st District City Councilor (Response – Rice Street Crosswalk)

H. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE SCHEDULE OF PAY RATES FOR LOCAL 3960 IN SECTION §88-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996. (Finance & Grant Compliance Assistant) – WAS LAID ON THE TABLE AND REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

I. THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY WERE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS:
Napoleon Gonsalves – $275.00 (Pothole)
Nicholas Jensen – $315.98 (Pothole)

J. THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY WERE REFERRED TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND RI INTERLOCAL TRUST:
Mauricio Rueda – $3,994.00 (Property Damage)
Lynn Farinelli – $500,000.00 (Claim for Relief)
Lynn Farinelli – $100,000.00 (Claim for Relief)

** K. Communication from the Honorable Mark Wildenhain, 2nd District City Councilor, to His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien (Hasbro)

** TAKEN OFF CONSENT AGENDA FOR COMMENTS ONLY, NO OTHER ACTION TAKEN.

B. Communication from Jordan Karlik, Blackstone Center, LLC, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (1 Moshassuck St. Q3 2026 Construction Update) was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR GREGOR

With majority consent of the Council, the following motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by Councilor Araujo, was PASSED on a unanimous voice vote:

The Clerk was instructed to send a communication to Jordan Karlik, Blackstone Center, LLC, requesting information on what they plan to do about the pile of dirt and debris located on the Grenville Street side of the property.

D. Communication from Roseann Brusco, RI Energy, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Response – Problems on Smithfield Avenue) was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR STACHOWIAK

With majority consent of the Council, the following motion made by Councilor Stachowiak, seconded by Councilor Wildenhain, was PASSED on a unanimous voice vote:

The Clerk was instructed to send a communication to Roseann Brusco, RI Energy, thanking her on behalf of the city council and the residents on Smithfield Avenue for their quick response and action on the concerns of the residents and requesting that they expedite as much as possible the repairs to Smithfield Avenue due to complaints from residents that the vibrations coming from traffic on the street are worse than ever.

F. Communication from William J. Conley, Jr., Conley Law & Associates, to the Honorable Mark Wildenhain, 2nd District City Councilor (Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Pawtucket School Committee and the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance, Local 930, AFT, AFL-CIO) was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

G. Communication from Scott F. Bielecki, Cameron & Mittleman, LLP, to Frank J. Milos, Jr., Esq., City Solicitor (Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Pawtucket School Committee and the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance, Local 930, AFT, AFL-CIO) was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

Council President Mercer requested that the Finance Committee Chair set a committee meeting to once again consider the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Pawtucket School Committee and the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance, Local 930, AFT, AFL-CIO

Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting the following appointment as a member of the Parks Commission, FOR CONFIRMATION:

PARKS COMMISSION

Ann Marie Braganca, 129 Woodhaven Rd., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in August 2028. To fill the unexpired term of Mary Healey was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The following nomination submitted by His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, for confirmation, was CONFIRMED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

PARKS COMMISSION

Ann Marie Braganca, 129 Woodhaven Rd., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in August 2028. To fill the unexpired term of Mary Healey.

COUNCILOR STACHOWIAK LEAVES THE CHAMBERS AT 7:47 PM.

Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting the following appointment as a member of the Advisory Commission on Arts and Culture, FOR CONFIRMATION:

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE

Dorine Havandjian, 133 Grove St., Apt. 1, Lincoln, RI 02865. Term expires the 1st Monday in October 2027. To fill the unexpired term of Sam Shorr, was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The following nomination submitted by His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, for confirmation, was CONFIRMED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE

Dorine Havandjian, 133 Grove St., Apt. 1, Lincoln, RI 02865. Term expires the 1st Monday in October 2027. To fill the unexpired term of Sam Shorr.

COUNCILOR STACHOWIAK RETURNS TO THE CHAMBERS AT 7:49 PM.

Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting the following appointment as a member of the Advisory Commission on Arts and Culture, FOR CONFIRMATION:

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE

Suzette Wordell, Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the 1st Monday in October 2029, was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The following nomination submitted by His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, for confirmation, was CONFIRMED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE

Suzette Wordell, Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the 1st Monday in October 2029.

Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting the following appointment as a member of the Pension Board, FOR CONFIRMATION:

PENSION BOARD

Michael William Cooper, 4 Bella Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in January 2029, was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The following nomination submitted by His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, for confirmation, was CONFIRMED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – Councilor Gregor.

PENSION BOARD

Michael William Cooper, 4 Bella Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in January 2029.

Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting the following reappointment as a member of the Public Arts Fund Committee, FOR CONFIRMATION:

PUBLIC ARTS FUND COMMITTEE

Lydia Perez, 1005 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the 1st Monday in June 2029, was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The following nomination submitted by His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, for confirmation, was CONFIRMED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

PUBLIC ARTS FUND COMMITTEE

Lydia Perez, 1005 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Term expires the 1st Monday in June 2029.

UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JOSHUA CAFÉ, LLC D/B/A NEWS CAFÉ FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) MONTHS FOLLOWED BY A MONTH-TO-MONTH TENANCY FOR THE PARKING AREA LOT FRONTING ON BROAD STREET AND NORTH UNION STREET

UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MAINTAIN AN UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 FREIGHT STREET (ASSESSOR'S PLAT 8, LOT 417)

The following ordinance was read for the SECOND time and APPROVED on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Moreno, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

NOES – 0.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE SCHEDULE OF PAY RATES FOR LOCAL 3960 IN SECTION §88-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, 1996 (Add: Parking Enforcement Officer)

Council President Mercer adjourned the meeting in memory of Lynn Moran, wife of City Councilor David P. Moran, at 8:04 PM.