PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL
CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7, 2026

A meeting of the City Council City Property Committee was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 5:56 p.m., in the Temporary City Council Office, Room 204, 2nd floor, 100 Freight Street, Pawtucket, RI.

Present – Councilor Stachowiak, Chair and Councilor Araujo.

Absent – Councilor Moreno.

Councilor Stachowiak presided.

Also present were Chris Crawley, Acting Director of Public Works; Frank J. Milos, Jr., Esq., City Solicitor; Michael Cassidy, Planning and Redevelopment; and John Marques, Proprietor, Joshua's LLC d/b/a News Café.

The Committee conducted a public input period, at which there were no speakers.

The Committee took up the following:

Communication from Joe Morais, Senior Project Leader, Department of Public Works, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, (Easement for Rhode Island Energy to Install an Electric Utility Pole at 100 Freight Street – City Right-of-Way)

This communication was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

Mr. Crawley explained that the easement was needed for the installation of an electrical pole to service the city's electronic charging stations that need to be installed at 100 Freight Street. RI Energy requested an easement in order to maintain the pole.

The committee amended the agenda to include the following communication on a unanimous voice vote:

Communication from Frank J. Milos, Jr., Esq., to Joe Morais, Senior Project Leader, and Michelle R. Hardy, Deputy City Clerk. (Recommendations regarding Easement with RI Energy for 100 Freight Street)

This communication was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Milos' recommendations.

Upon motion made by Councilor Araujo, seconded by Councilor Stachowiak, the Committee recommended APPROVAL of the easement, with the proposed changes, on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – Councilor Stachowiak, Chair and Councilor Araujo.

NOES – 0.

The Committee took up the following:

Communication from John Marques, Proprietor, Joshua's LLC d/b/a News Café, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Parking Lot Lease Renewal for 43 Broad Street)

Communication from Michael Cassidy, Pawtucket Planning Department, to the City Clerk's Office. (Planning's recommendation regarding the renewal of the lease at 43 Broad Street)

These communications were READ AND ORDERED FILED.

Mr. Marques stated that he would like to renew his lease.

Mr. Cassidy stated that a 5-year lease would keep the City from having access to the lot and there has been a lot of development downtown. He recommended a 3-month lease until the new administration has had a chance to review how development is going and to review library parking needs.

Councilor Stachowiak stated that the post office was also concerned about employee parking needs.

Councilor Araujo suggested a 6-month lease and then month-to-month until a decision is made about the long-term needs for the parking lot.

Upon motion made by Councilor Araujo, seconded by Councilor Stachowiak, the Committee recommended renewing the lease until April 30, 2027, and then continue on a month-to-month basis until a decision is made on the long-term needs for the parking lot, on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – Councilor Stachowiak, Chair and Councilor Araujo.

NOES – 0.

The committee requested that both matters be brought back to the committee on October 21, 2026, to review the approved changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, Clerk
Pawtucket City Council