A regular session of the Pawtucket City Council was held Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:45 p.m., in the Pawtucket Municipal Annex, City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 100 Freight St., Pawtucket, RI.

Present – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Gregor, Moran, Rubio, and Stachowiak.

Absent – Councilors Coderre, Moreno and Wildenhain.

President Mercer presided.

The reading of the records of the October 21, 2026 City Property Committee 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. Notice from the Office of Water Resources at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (Tidewater Landing River Walk)

B. Communication from Aleksandra Norton, Pawtucket Resident, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, and Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Request for Pedestrian Signal Light Installation)

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

** D. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to Richard S. Stoddart, Chair of the Board, Hasbro, Inc., and the Board of Directors of Hasbro Inc. (Ill-Considered Remarks of CEO Chris Cocks and the Future of 1027 Newport Avenue)

** E. Statement from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, Regarding Disparaging and Disrespectful Comments by Hasbro, Inc. CEO Chris Cocks

F. Communication from His Honor, Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to Joanne Bonollo, Chair, School Committee (School Department Challenges)

** H. Communication from Roseann Brusco, RI Energy, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Response – Worsened Problems on Smithfield Ave.)

** I. Communication from Jordan Karlik, JK Equities, to Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, City Clerk (Response – 1 Moshassuck St.)

J. Communication from Capt. Joseph Skahan, Pawtucket Police Department, to Michelle R. Hardy, Deputy City Clerk (Response – Illegal Parking on Harris St.)

K. Communication from Carl Johnson, Zoning Director, to Michelle R. Hardy, Deputy City Clerk (Response – Illegal Auto Repair Facility)

L. Communication from His Honor Mayor Donald R. Grebien, to the Honorable members of the Pawtucket City Council (Elisha Project Lease) – WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

M. Communication from Frank J. Milos, Jr., Esq., to Michelle R. Hardy, Deputy City Clerk (Elisha Project Lease request from George Ortiz) – WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

N. Communication from Robert Burns, Tax Assessor, to the Honorable Terrence E. Mercer, City Council President (Piccadilly LLC Tax Stabilization Agreement Request for 30 Beecher Street, AP 45, Lot 445) – WAS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

O. Communication from Robert Burns, Tax Assessor, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Abatement Recommendations for April, May, and June 2026)

P. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, REAL ESTATE AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2026, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $22,312.67. – WAS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Q. Communication from Robert Burns, Tax Assessor, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council (Abatement Recommendations for July, August, and September 2026)

R. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, REAL ESTATE AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2026, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $152,458.08. – WAS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

S. THE FOLLOWING CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS:
Luzia Smith by Progressive Subrogation – $136.00 (Firetruck)

T. THE FOLLOWING CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY WAS REFERRED TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND RI INTERLOCAL TRUST:
Lynn Farinelli – $100,000.00 (Claim for Relief)

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

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

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR MORAN

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

The Clerk was instructed to send a communication to Chris Crawley, Acting Director of Public Works, requesting that the Public Works Department place “Stop Ahead” signs going in both directions at three intersections on Rice Street; Rice St./Archer St., Rice St./Welden St., Rice St./Bart Dr.; also, add “Speed Limit” signs on Rice St. from Welden St. to Bart Dr.; also, provide an update on the requested crosswalk on Rice St. at the intersection with Archer St. If this is approved then look into adding crosswalks on Rice Street at the other two intersections, Rice St./Welden St. and Rice St./Bart Dr.; also look into placing solar blinking “Stop” signs at the three intersections; and also look into making Rice St one-way, heading north, from Benefit St. to County St.

The Clerk was also instructed to send a communication to Chief Tina Goncalves, Pawtucket Police Department, requesting that they set up traffic details on Rice Street at two intersections; Rice St./Archer St. and the other at Rice St./Welden Street. The Council requested a report on the number of tickets written at those intersections.

THE COUNCIL TOOK UP THE FOLLOWING:

TRAFFIC ISSUES ON ROOSEVELT AVENUE

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR MORAN

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

The Clerk was instructed to send a communication to Chris Crawley, Acting Director of Public Works, requesting to be provided with a copy of a traffic study performed on Roosevelt Ave., and if it cannot be given out, why not? Also, the Council would like to know when the Public Works Department will come to the Purchasing Board to get approval to do work on two intersections; Roosevelt Ave./East St./Branch Street; and Roosevelt Ave./ Fountain St., which abuts a grassy island and is near the Route 95 overpass.

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for installation of a pole at Lily Pond St. WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for installation of a joint pole at Division Street WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for relocation of multiple existing poles at Daggett Ave. WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for installation of a joint pole at Broadway WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for installation of a joint pole at South Bend St. WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Communication from Andrew McNaught, Supervisor, Distribution Design, RI Energy, to the Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council, submitting a petition for installation of a pole at Lily Pond St. WAS APPROVED PENDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 Juvenile Hearing Board, FOR CONFIRMATION:

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

Michael William Cooper, 4 Bella Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in December 2028, 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, Gregor Moran, Rubio, Stachowiak.

NOES – 0.

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

Michael William Cooper, 4 Bella Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Term expires the 1st Monday in December 2028.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS, THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY WERE APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Gregor Moran, Rubio, Stachowiak.

NOES – 0.

Napoleon Gonsalves – $275.00 (Pothole)

Nicholas Jensen – $300.00 (Pothole)

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS, THE MOTION TO DENY THE FOLLOWING CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY AND REFER TO JR VINAGRO CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION WAS APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

AYES – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Gregor Moran, Rubio, Stachowiak.

NOES – 0.

Pericles Vieira – $1,349.08 (Tire)

Upon motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by the entire City Council, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Antonio DePina Borges at 8:18 PM.