PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

A meeting of the City Council Ordinance Committee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 5:51 p.m., in the City Council Office, Room 140, 100 Freight Street, Pawtucket, RI.

Present – Councilor Moran, Chair; Councilor Gregor and President Mercer.

Absent – Councilor Coderre.

Councilor Moran presided.

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

The Committee took up the following:

Review of Chapter 167 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pawtucket, 1996, entitled "Circuses and Carnivals"

The Committee reviewed the following proposed amendment:

Sec. 167-5 Limitation on issuance of license permit.
License permits under this chapter shall only be granted to a charitable organization situated and doing business in the City of Pawtucket. The name, address and contact information for the circus or carnival to be hired must be included in the application for permit and the circus or carnival must be hired exclusively to promote the financial support of the applicant. ~~carnivals and circuses, the promotion of which is exclusively limited to the financial support of a charitable organization situated and doing business in the City of Pawtucket.~~

President Mercer stated that he believed the process was backwards and that the proposed amendment would clarify that the City required the charitable organization to submit the application and serve as the promoter of the carnival. He noted that, under the current language, the charitable organization had become an afterthought. He believed the amendment would foster a better partnership between the charitable organization and the carnival operator.

Upon motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by President Mercer, the Ordinance Committee recommended APPROVAL of this amendment, on a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES – Councilor Moran, Chair; Councilor Gregor and President Mercer.

NOES – 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Richard J. Goldstein, MMC, Clerk
Pawtucket City Council