

City of Pawtucket

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED 10/18/2017

Resolved,

WHEREAS, since first buying the Pawtucket Red Sox in the 1970's, Ben Mondor, along with Mike Tamburro and the rest of the PawSox front office, created a first-class organization; one of the very best in all of minor league sports; one that has brought great pride and prestige to the City of Pawtucket and the State of Rhode Island; and one that has become a tremendous corporate partner for the city and the state, whose generosity and commitment in time and money has helped make Rhode Island a better place in which to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, under the new leadership team led by Larry Lucchino, Dr. Charles Steinberg, Dan Rea and Mike Tamburro, the PawSox are continuing this wonderful legacy, as evidenced by the PawSox contributing to various causes in the community and state. Whether it's promoting the importance of education to our youth, or saying thank you to our veterans for the great service they have given to their country, or to helping children with cancer and other special needs, or reaching out to our seniors, or helping other individuals and groups raise money for their charities, the PawSox continue to be a leader in the effort to improve the quality of life for everyone in Pawtucket and throughout Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, after careful analysis, it has been determined that the best way to keep this outstanding iconic asset here in Pawtucket, RI, where it belongs, is by building a new public year-round park. This is projected to generate much needed ancillary development that will create the potential for hundreds of jobs and a return on investment that will help keep down the cost for all partners in this development. In addition, the Pawtucket City Council is committed to working with the State of Rhode Island, the Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency, and the City Administration to ensure that the residents and taxpayers of the City of Pawtucket and the State of Rhode Island are protected; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding ratio for the \$83 million Ballpark at Slater Mill is 54% by the team, 28% by the state and 18% by the city, with the 54% of private funding being by far the highest for any Triple-A stadium built in the last ten years and is nearly double the average of 28% of private funding during that same period; and

WHEREAS, the Pawtucket City Council strongly supports keeping the PawSox home in Pawtucket, where they belong. This will preserve over \$2 million in existing state revenues, with the potential for more revenue generation for both the City and the State. In addition, it has long been a key economic development priority of the Council and City of Pawtucket to redevelop and revitalize our riverfront and downtown, especially the Division Street and Apex properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY SUPPORT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE PAWTUCKET RED SOX IN PAWTUCKET, ASKS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE PAWTUCKET TO BOND UP TO \$15 MILLION, AND URGES THE PAWTUCKET DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DURING THIS FALL 2017 SESSION, TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO REINVEST IN PAWTUCKET'S RIVERFRONT AND DOWNTOWN, AND TO KEEP THE PAWSOX HOME IN PAWTUCKET.

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Clerk

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READ AND REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE

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Clerk

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COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS

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Chair

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READ AND PASSED ON A ROLL CALL
VOTE: AYES 6 NOES 2

10/17/2017

Richard Coldst Clerk

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[Signature] MAYOR

Sen's + Rep's

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