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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Emilio L. Navarro, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilwoman Leslie A. Luciano
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier, Vice-President
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Also Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilman James E. Donahue
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Mike Igoe, City Controller
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Mahoney, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wheatland & Dresden – Administration Engineering Report

Mr. Cordy stated that the Engineering Department estimates in excess of \$3 million to correct this problem. Next month, they will scope the area to check for any blockage and if there is, it will be flushed out.

Chair asked that the Administration report back next month on the results.

Safe Routes to Schools –

Administration Report on list of infrastructure improvements and projects by Wards, including tentative completion dates, and fiscal impact if any.

Councilman Santamaria stated that he sees funding in the report for parking signs for all the schools, he asked if this is going to replace signs already there. Mr. Cordy stated that as far as specifics, he does not have an answer to this question. Councilman Santamaria stated that he would like this information for the Council meeting.

Council Vice-President Pelletier stated that, as it was indicated at the School Committee meeting the other evening, some schools do not have snow blowers to clear snow from sidewalks. Maybe funding should be allocated to purchase snow blowers for schools who do not have one. By not having snow blowers, defeats the purpose of Safe Routes.

Snow Plow Protocol in vicinity of Schools (blockage of crosswalks & sidewalk entrances)

Ms. Schutt stated that when major snowstorm operation is done, the areas around schools become the next priority. Two major priorities after major roads are plowed, are schools and if there is rain, addressing the storm drains.

Council President Lupino stated that from the last few snowstorms, as far as not clearing sidewalks, the biggest offenders were businesses. There is an Ordinance on the books requiring sidewalks to be cleared and it should be enforced because the homeowners do a good job in clearing the sidewalks, otherwise, have the City workers clear the sidewalks and then charge the businesses for the work. Ms. Schutt stated that one of the problems with this is the City does not have the manpower and if the City starts doing that, it would put a burden on the City.

Councilman Stycos questioned if there is a solution on how this issue can be dealt with. Ms. Schutt stated that the only way that this can be dealt with is enforcement.

Councilman Archetto asked how many small bobcats the Public Works Department has. Ms. Schutt stated that Public Works does not have any. Parks and Recreation has one. Councilman Archetto suggested that the City investigate the cost to improve on the fleet of bobcats, which will help in snow removal.

“No Bin No Pick Up” Policy – Administration report on Enforcement

Ms. Schutt presented a handout, which is sent to homes where the City sees problems with recycling, reminding people and encouraging them to recycle. If they do not, they get a yellow violation notice with a sheet indicating what is and what is not recyclable.

Councilman Stycos presented a handout of problems with the trash pickup on Ferncrest Ave. during the month of January and stated that he asked that this be placed on the agenda due to a constituent’s complaint and problems with the way the “No Bin No Pick Up” policy is operating. Ms. Schutt stated that during heavy winds and snow, we do relax the policy, but she will look into this. Councilman Stycos stated that this seems to be a problem with Waste Management because they are picking up the trash, whether the resident is recycling or not. We really need to address to Waste Management that they need to do their job.

Councilman Archetto asked what the City spent for rodent control during FY 2009-2010, because if people do not recycle this will cause rodent problems. Ms. Schutt stated that the Ordinance does state that if the trash is not picked up, you are to take the trash back in your property, but some people do not. This is another enforcement issue and we have to rely on the City Council and the public to let the City know when trash is left out.

Councilman Stycos asked that this issue be continued to next month for status as to any correspondence with Waste Management regarding trash pickup problems.

Councilman Donahue asked what the revenue for the past three years is in recycling. Mr. Igoe stated that in 2009, we received \$165,620. We budgeted the program in 2010 and they cancelled. For this year, we have received \$59,492.

Council President Lupino asked where those funds are located. Mr. Igoe stated in the General Fund. Council President Lupino suggested that future funds be put in restricted fund to offset cost if we go into the automatic bin pickup program.

Resolution urging the Mayor to look into the feasibility of creating pedestrian access between the Post Office and Auburn Library

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Luciano, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Council President Lupino stated that the abutting property is owned by Durfee Hardware and questioned if this would affect the parking for the Hardware Store. This needs to be considered.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of the above Resolution and motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for new Pole Locations at Ashbrook Dr. and Arbor Dr.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Santamaria asked for update of RI Resource Recovery. Chair stated that this is not on the agenda. There will be an Executive Session meeting scheduled to discuss this issue. Councilman Santamaria stated that the Cranston Herald last week listed violators by DEM and asked that these also be addressed at that time also.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

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2 THE CITY OF CRANSTON
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4 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**
5 **URGING THE MAYOR TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING**
6 **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE AND AUBURN LIBRARY**
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15 Robert J. Pelletier, Council Vice-President
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19 **Resolved, That,**
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21 **WHEREAS,** the City seeks to encourage walking as a healthy means of transportation;
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23 **WHEREAS,** the City seeks to encourage business traffic on Rolfe Street, especially from
24 surrounding residential areas;
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26 **WHEREAS,** the Rolfe Street Post Office and Auburn Library are abutting properties;
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28 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council requests the City Administration investigate
29 the possibility of pedestrian access between the Post Office and the Library and report back to
30 the Council.

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32 Sponsored by Councilman Stycos and Councilman Navarro
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35 Referred to Public Works Committee February 17, 2011

nationalgrid

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID FOR
JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATION

TOWN CLERK
11 JAN 10 11 56
RECEIVED
CRANSTON
CLERK
JAN 06 2011

TO THE HONORABLE _____ TOWN COUNCIL _____ DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS
OF _____ CRANSTON _____ ENGINEERING DIV.
THE NATIONAL GRID RHODE ISLAND

Respectfully asks permission to locate and maintain poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustain and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by you petitioner along and across the following public ways:

ASHBROOK DR AND ARBOR DRIVE PROPOSE NEW JO POLES LOCATION

Wherefore your petitioners pray that they be granted joint of identical location for existing poles and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as the may find necessary, said poles erected or to erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: 207076

DATED 12/15/2010

Your petitioner agrees to reserve or provide space for one cross arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

THE NATIONAL GRID

BY: _____
William Robbins, Engineering

THE VERIZON

BY: *Mark Stanley*
ORDER _____ am

The foregoing petition been read, it was voted that the consent at the

For the use of public ways named for the purposes stated in said petition be and it hereby is granted-----
work to be done subject to the supervision of

A true copy of the vote at the *Public Works Comm.*

Adopted *2/17/11* and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page#

Rosalba Zanni
Asst CLERK

Pole & UG Petition/Permit Request Form

City
Town of Cranston WR # 8104823
(circle one)

Install 17 SO
JO Poles on Ashbrook Dr.
(quantity) (circle one) (street name)

~~Install~~ 3 SO
JO Poles on Arbor Dr.
~~Remove~~ (quantity) (circle one) (street name)

Relocate _____ SO
JO Poles on _____
(quantity) (circle one) (street name)

Beginning at a point approximately 150 feet North of the centerline
(distance) (compass heading)

of the intersection of Orchard Valley Dr.
(street name)

and continuing approximately 1500 feet in a North direction.
(distance) (compass heading)

Install underground facilities:

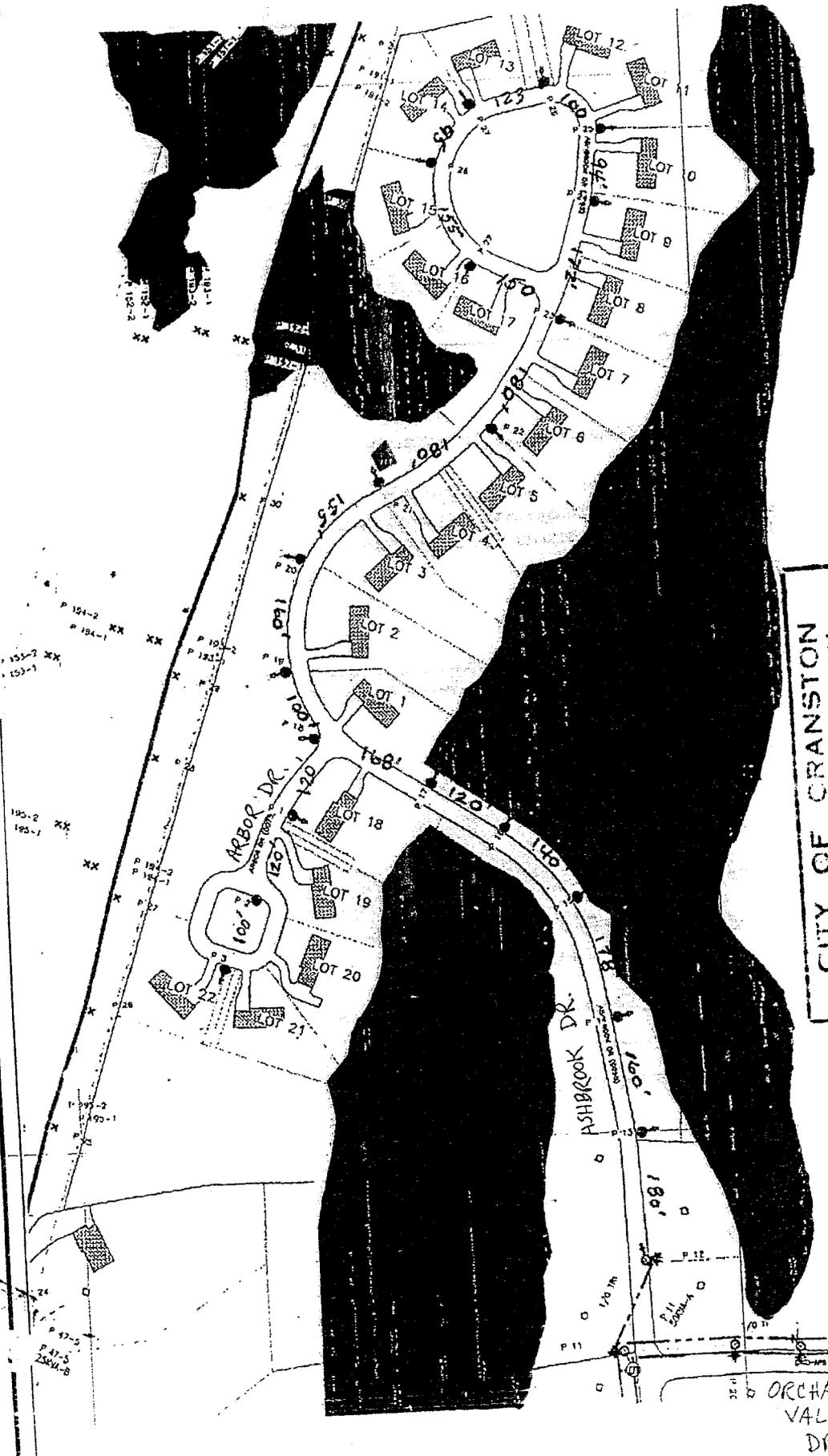
Street(s) _____

Description of Work Install 20 poles
and anchors. 17 on Ashbrook
Dr. and 3 on Arbor Dr. for
new development

ENGINEER Bill Robbins

DATE 12/15/10

207076



nationalgrid		Ashbrook Dr. Cranston, RI	
		Scale: NONE	Acute Drawing Number: N/A
Date: 8-27-10		Approved By:	
Drawn By:			

**CITY OF CRANSTON
ENGINEERING DIVISION
CRANSTON, R. I.**

APPROVED AS CORRECTED
 RESUBMIT FOR FINAL APPROVAL
 DISAPPROVED - RESUBMIT

Date: 2/4/11 By: W. [Signature]

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If so marked, approval is given for use only, it does not relieve the Contractor from complying with the requirements of the Contract, contract drawings, and specifications. The Contractor shall be responsible for all dimensions, quantities, schedules and field conditions.

- KEY**
- - PROPOSED POLE
 - ◄ - PROPOSED ANCHOR