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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Councilman Emilio L. Navarro, Chair (appeared at 6:25 p.m.)
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
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Wheatland & Dresden* – Administration Report follow up
(Cont'd 2/17/2011 & 3/17/2011)

Mr. Cordy stated that the City has done everything it can to address this issue. Chair asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

- **Bid Specs or agreement for snow plow vendors** (Requested 3/17/2011)

Ms. Schutt presented copies of the specifications and stated that the City does require proof of insurance from the vendors.

- **Effect of garbage disposal on sewer system level**
(Requested by Councilman Stycos 3/17/2011)

Solicitor stated that he spoke to Jeff Davis in the Public Works Department and he stated that garbage disposal would have no effect on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- **Ongoing problem at Budlong Rd. & Urquhart regarding pond issue effected by development** (Requested 3/17/2011)

Ms. Schutt stated that the pipe in question predates the current employees in the Engineering Division. The question of who put it in and what permits were taken out and go back many years.

Council President Lupino stated that we need to determine who owns the pond and how permission is given to tap into the storm drains.

Chair asked if the Administration could look into this issue with the camera. Ms. Schutt stated that the camera needs to be repaired, once repaired, this can be done. Chair asked for follow-up on this issue for next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request from National Grid for Pole Location at Vallone Rd.**

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

Resolution requesting that the Administration install speed bumps and traffic calming measures on Princess Ave. in front of Arlington Elementary School.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Cordy stated that most traffic calming measures are already in process through Safe Routes to Schools.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to table this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

nationalgrid

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID
FOR POLE LOCATIONS

TO THE HONORABLE _____ TOWN COUNCIL
OF _____ CRANSTON _____ RHODE ISLAND
THE NATIONAL GRID

Respectfully asks permission to locate and maintain poles, wires and fixtures,
including the necessary sustain and protecting fixtures to be owned by your
petitioner along and across the following public ways:
VALLONE ROAD PROPOSE NEW SO POLE LOCATION

Wherefore your petitioner request that they be granted locations for and permission to erect and
maintain poles and wires together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find
necessary, poles to be located in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:207066

DATED 2/14/2011

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, and telephone
wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal
purposes.

THE NATIONAL GRID

BY Fernando Depina
Fernando Depina, Engineering

ORDER

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

A true copy of the vote at the _____

Adopted _____ and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page# _____

CLERK

PLEASE RETURN TO ME

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

APPROVED

APPROVED AS CORRECTED

RESUBMIT FOR FINAL APPROVAL

DISAPPROVED - REEVALUATE

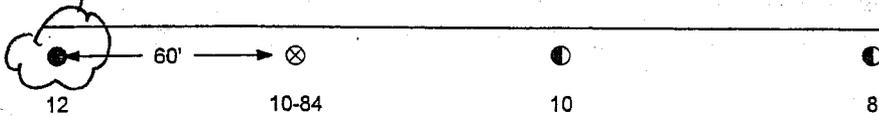
Date 4/5/11

By *W. [Signature]*

If so marked, approval is given for design 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.

Repair/Replace Improved Sidewalk 10-kind

VALLONE RD



CHESTER AVE

POLE PETITION

nationalgrid

● Proposed Pole Locations	Date: WR 9939810 11/02/2010 Plan Number: 207066 To Accompany Petition Dated: 11/02/2010 To The: TOWN Of CRANSTON For Proposed: INST Pole: 12 Location: VALLONE RD Date Of Original Grant:
⊙ Existing Pole Location To Be Made J.O.	
⊙ Existing Electric Co. Pole Locations	
⊙ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations	
○ Existing Joint Pole Locations	
⊗ Existing Pole Locations To Be Abandoned	
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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION INSTALL SPEED
BUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON PRINCESS AVENUE IN FRONT
OF ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, the City is concerned with the safety of all of its students traveling to and from its schools; and

WHEREAS, there are issues with speeding drivers near certain schools; and

WHEREAS, speed bumps and other traffic calming devices have proved effective in slowing speeders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the installation of speed bumps and traffic calming measures on Princess Avenue in front of Arlington Elementary School will enhance the safety of students at the Arlington Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby requests that the Administration of the City of Cranston install speed bumps and other traffic calming measures on Princess Avenue in front of the Arlington Elementary School

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby requests the City Clerk to transmit a copy forthwith to the Administration of the City of Cranston.

Sponsored by Councilman Archetto

Referred to Public Works Committee April 14, 2011

Resolution requesting that the Administration install speed bumps and traffic calming measures on Crescent Ave. and Harmon Ave. in front of Stadium Elementary School.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Cordy stated that most traffic calming measures are already in process through Safe Routes to Schools.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to table this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution urging the Mayor to take all necessary steps to enter into and execute a construction and maintenance agreement with the State of Rhode Island in furtherance of the Pocasset River Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

***Resolution requesting that the Mayor and Public Works Director address an *allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalk located at 40 Frankfort Ave.**

***Resolution requesting that the Mayor and Public Works Director address an *allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalk located at 30 Cedar Ave.**

***Resolution requesting that the Mayor and Public Works Director address an *allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalk located at 64 Pershing St.**

The Committee discussed the above three Resolutions together.

Ms. Schutt stated that Highway has been to the Frankfort and Cedar location and the sidewalks have been repaired with asphalt ramps. As to the Pershing St. location, the property owner needs to agree to remove two trees. The City determined there was no danger issue at this location.

Chairman Navarro arrived and conducted remainder of meeting.

The gavel was handed to Chairman Navarro.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Resolutions.

Under Discussion:

It was recommended that the Frankfort and Cedar Resolutions be withdrawn, since the issues at those locations have been addressed.

Councilman Stycos removed motion to recommend approval of Resolutions regarding Frankfort and Cedar and Council President Lupino removed his second to the motion.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to remove Resolutions regarding Frankfort and Cedar from the agenda and move forward with the Pershing Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of Resolution regarding Pershing St. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to remove motion and second to table Resolutions regarding Princess Ave. and Crescent Ave. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to recommend approval of Resolutions regarding Princess Ave. and Crescent Ave.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Archetto stated that he understands that this is part of the Safe Routes to Schools, but Dave Ferguson, Traffic Engineer, has received \$57,000 from the federal government for Safe Routes to Schools Grant. It has been three years and he has not seen a penny spent in this District. Mr. Cordy stated that money for Safe Routes to Schools comes down in groups for groups of projects. It is up to DOT to distribute those funds to the projects.

Motion to recommend approval these two Resolutions passed unanimously.

Walmart–Water Main work on March 4, 2011. Adm report on notification requirements and fines/sanctions imposed. (Requested by Council President Lupino)

Council President Lupino stated that he and Councilman Santamaria received emails from residents in the area concerned about early morning work being done on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. at this business. On March 4th, at 1:30 a.m., an email was received stating that construction work started at 1:15 a.m.

Ms. Schutt stated that as to the work being done at night, it was due to Walmart shutting down fire suppression system per order of the Fire Department. The noise Ordinance may have been violated, but we have no evidence, since noise meter reading had to be done at the time. The business was given a stern warning by the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector stated that we are very limited from a fine point.

Council President Lupino stated that he was at the site Tuesday and there was excavation and jack hammer going on and there was no fencing to prevent runoff, especially since there was heavy rain the next day. The Inspector should have been at the site to oversee this. Ms. Schutt stated that going forward, she will make sure Inspections pays a stronger notice to this particular situation.

Mr. Cordy stated that the Inspector's job is not to monitor every project and be onsite, their job is to make sure the business has proper permits and meet the Building Code.

Councilman Stycos requested that Fourth Avenue painting be placed on the May agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION INSTALL SPEED
BUMPS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CRESCENT AVENUE AND
HARMON AVENUE IN FRONT OF STADIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, the City is concerned with the safety of all of its students traveling to and from its schools; and

WHEREAS, there are issues with speeding drivers near certain schools; and

WHEREAS, speed bumps and other traffic calming devices have proved effective in slowing speeders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the installation of speed bumps and traffic calming measures on Crescent Avenue and Harmon Avenue in front of Stadium Elementary School will enhance the safety of students at the Stadium Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby requests that the Administration of the City of Cranston install speed bumps and other traffic calming measures on Crescent Avenue and on Harmon Avenue in front of the Stadium Elementary School

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby requests the City Clerk to transmit a copy forthwith to the Administration of the City of Cranston.

Sponsored by Councilman Paul H. Archetto

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**URGING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENTER INTO
AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE
POCASSET RIVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

Resolved, That

WHEREAS, the State is planning the above referenced project in Cranston, Rhode Island with funds apportioned to the State under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, and from other sources available for the purpose, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cranston has installed and is operating and/or maintaining a sewer system (hereinafter called the Facilities), and in connection with said project and appurtenances it will be necessary to displace, relocate, alter, and/or adjust certain portions of said Facilities to the extent shown on the Drainage & Utilities Plans and Force Account Estimates inclusive, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the eligibility of Federal participation has been established in accordance with Part 645-Utilities, Subpart A- Utility Relocations, Adjustments and Reimbursement of the Federal-Aid Policy Guide (FAPG) of the United State Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, said alterations and/or adjustments must be closely and dependably integrated with said project and appurtenances during the various phases of operations, both preparatory and permanent, for the best interest of traffic movement and control and for the public convenience, and

WHEREAS, credit for the expired service life of the replaced Facilities may be required, when applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned FAPG, Part 645, Subpart A, and

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WHEREAS, the predominate portion of the existing Facilities must be maintained
in service until the replacement Facilities are completed.

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Sponsored by Councilman Donahue

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR ADDRESS A DANGEROUS AND DEFECTIVE SIDEWALK
LOCATED AT 40 FRANKFORT AVENUE

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of Cranston is and should remain a paramount interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating and cracked sidewalks present a daily danger to citizens, particularly to the elderly and infirmed; and

WHEREAS, injuries caused by dangerous and defective sidewalks can expose the City of financial liability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council respectfully requests that the Mayor and the Public Works Director assess the condition of the sidewalk located at 40 Frankfort Avenue as soon as possible and take appropriate steps to make sure that repairs are made dangerous and defective sidewalks.

BET IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause a coy of this Resolution be presented to the Mayor and to the Director of Public Works without delay.

Sponsored by Councilman Archetto

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ADDRESS
AN ALLEDGEDLY DANGEROUS AND DEFECTIVE SIDEWALK
LOCATED AT 30 CEDAR AVENUE

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of Cranston is and should remain a paramount interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating and cracked sidewalks present a potential danger to citizens, particularly to the elderly and infirmed; and

WHEREAS, injuries caused by allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalks can expose the City to financial liability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council respectfully requests that the Mayor and the Public Works Director assess the condition of the sidewalk located at 30 Cedar Avenue as soon as possible and take appropriate steps to make sure that repairs are made to potentially dangerous and defective sidewalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be presented to the Mayor and to the Director of Public Works without delay.

Sponsored by Councilman Archetto

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ADDRESS
AN ALLEDGEDLY DANGEROUS AND DEFECTIVE SIDEWALK
LOCATED AT 64 PERSHING STREET

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of Cranston is and should remain a paramount interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating and cracked sidewalks present a potential danger to citizens, particularly to the elderly and infirmed; and

WHEREAS, injuries caused by allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalks can expose the City to financial liability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council respectfully requests that the Mayor and the Public Works Director assess the condition of the sidewalk located at 64 Pershing Street as soon as possible and take appropriate steps to make sure that repairs are made to potentially dangerous and defective sidewalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be presented to the Mayor and to the Director of Public Works without delay.

Sponsored by Councilman Archetto

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