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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Council Vice-President Robert J. Pelletier
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Absent: Councilman Emilio L. Navarro, Chair
Councilwoman Leslie A. Luciano

Also Present: Councilman James E. Donahue
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Finance Director
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 Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, 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:

- **Administration's report** on Wayland, Scituate and Phenix Avenues traffic improvements. (Cont. 5/12/2011).

Ms. Schutt stated that this is still in the design phase work by D.O.T. and the City's Traffic Engineer is in touch with them routinely and it is moving forward. Once the design is completed, it will be shared with the City Council.

Council President Lupino asked that this be continued to the August Committee meeting.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to continue this item to the August Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution** requesting that the Mayor and Public Works Director address an allegedly dangerous and defective sidewalk located at 64 Pershing St. (Referred from 4/25/11 City Council) (Cont. 5/12/2011).

Ms. Schutt stated that Highway Superintendent, John Corso, in his opinion, does not believe the sidewalk is dangerous. If the homeowner would like to have the tree removed, it would be at their cost and they would need to speak to the City's Tree Surgeon, Rick DeGrandpre.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to remove this item from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- **4th Avenue Paving** – Administration report. Councilman Stycos (Cont. 5/12/2011).

Ms. Schutt stated that the City's Chief Engineer, Nick Capezza, has indicated that this street does need a top coat of asphalt. This would be done before the end of this paving season, but does not know when. For whatever reason, this street was never top coated.

Vice-Chair asked if there is a street paving list available. Ms. Schutt stated that right now, the City is paving streets that Providence Water has dug up and the City is looking to be reimbursed from Providence Water. There is no order list of streets. There is a list of every street in the City with a rank.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution** requesting that the Mayor conduct a traffic study on Peveril Road and Derbyshire Road for traffic calming measures.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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** in support of Extended Producer Responsibility.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

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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

Referred to Public Works Committee April 14, 2011

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY ON
PEVERIL RD & DERBYSHIRE RD FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

No.

Passed:

Anthony Lupino, Council President

Resolved that

WHEREAS, the residents of Peveril Road & Castleton Estates in the City of Cranston have serious safety concerns due to the excessive rate of speeds, approximately 30 to 40 miles per hour, at which vehicles travel on said roadway; and which current traffic control devices are not being adhered to.

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for vehicular travel is 25 miles per hours; and

WHEREAS, the Cranston Chief of Police also shares the concerns of the area residents and the need for a traffic study to implement traffic calming measures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council should request of the appropriate authorities at the Traffic Department to make an effort to study the situation in regard to the intersection of Peveril Rd & Derbyshire to determine the need and feasibility of traffic calming measures, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to ensure that all actions necessary to facilitate a productive dialogue on the issue with the residents and any and all necessary officials, including the appropriate officials of Police, Fire, Mayors Office

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cranston City Council hereby requests that the Mayors office conduct a study of said area to determine the need and feasibility of traffic calming measures;

Sponsored by: Councilmen Pelletier

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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
In Support of Extended Producer Responsibility

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

WHEREAS, Manufactured goods and packaging constitute approximately 75% of the materials managed by U.S municipalities, based on figures reported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, The municipal waste management system was established a century ago to manage far simpler and more homogeneous wastes like ashes, food scraps and horse manure, rather than the manufactured goods and packaging which dominate today's municipal waste; and

WHEREAS, Hazardous and hard-to-recycle product management costs are expected to increase substantially in the near future unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of hazardous products; and

WHEREAS, Costs paid by citizens and local governments to manage discarded products are in effect subsidies to producers that enable and encourage producers to design products for disposal without regard to end-of-life product- management costs and hazards; and-

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which producers accept responsibility for the end-of-life management of their products, so that those who produce and use products bear the costs of recycling and responsible disposal; and

WHEREAS, When producers are responsible for ensuring that their products are reused or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

WHEREAS, Jobs in disassembly, reuse, repair and recycling are generated by EPR, offering significant local economic development opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, The Rhode Island legislature has committed to achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and EPR policies are important strategies for achieving this goal through reduction of manufacturing and disposal emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council supports statewide legislation to hold producers responsible for hazardous product discard management and other product waste management costs; and

WHEREAS, EPR legislation for discarded electronic waste has been passed in 18 states and New York City; and

WHEREAS, State law established an manufacturer financed system, similar to EPR, for the collection, recycling, and reuse of certain electronic products; and

WHEREAS, Earlier this year, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed a joint resolution requesting the Department of Environmental Management to develop recommendations for establishing an EPR program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cranston City Council urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact comprehensive EPR legislation based on the *Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy*.

Sponsored by Councilman Navarro
Referred to Public Works Committee June 16, 2011

- **Request** from National Grid for proposed new Joint Pole location at Bateman Ave.

Chair stated that this application has been withdrawn.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Stycos asked that the following be placed on next month's agenda:

- Discussion of establishing a Storm Water Management District

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

nationalgrid

RECEIVED
11 APR 28 AM 9:10
CRANSTON
CITY CLERK

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATION

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 and used in common by you petitioner along and across the following public ways:

BATEMAN AVENUE PROPOSE NEW JO POLE 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: 207104

DATED 4/11/2011

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

THE NATIONAL GRID

BY: Cheryl Allard
Cheryl Allard, Engineering

THE VERIZON

BY: Mary Hamley
ORDER

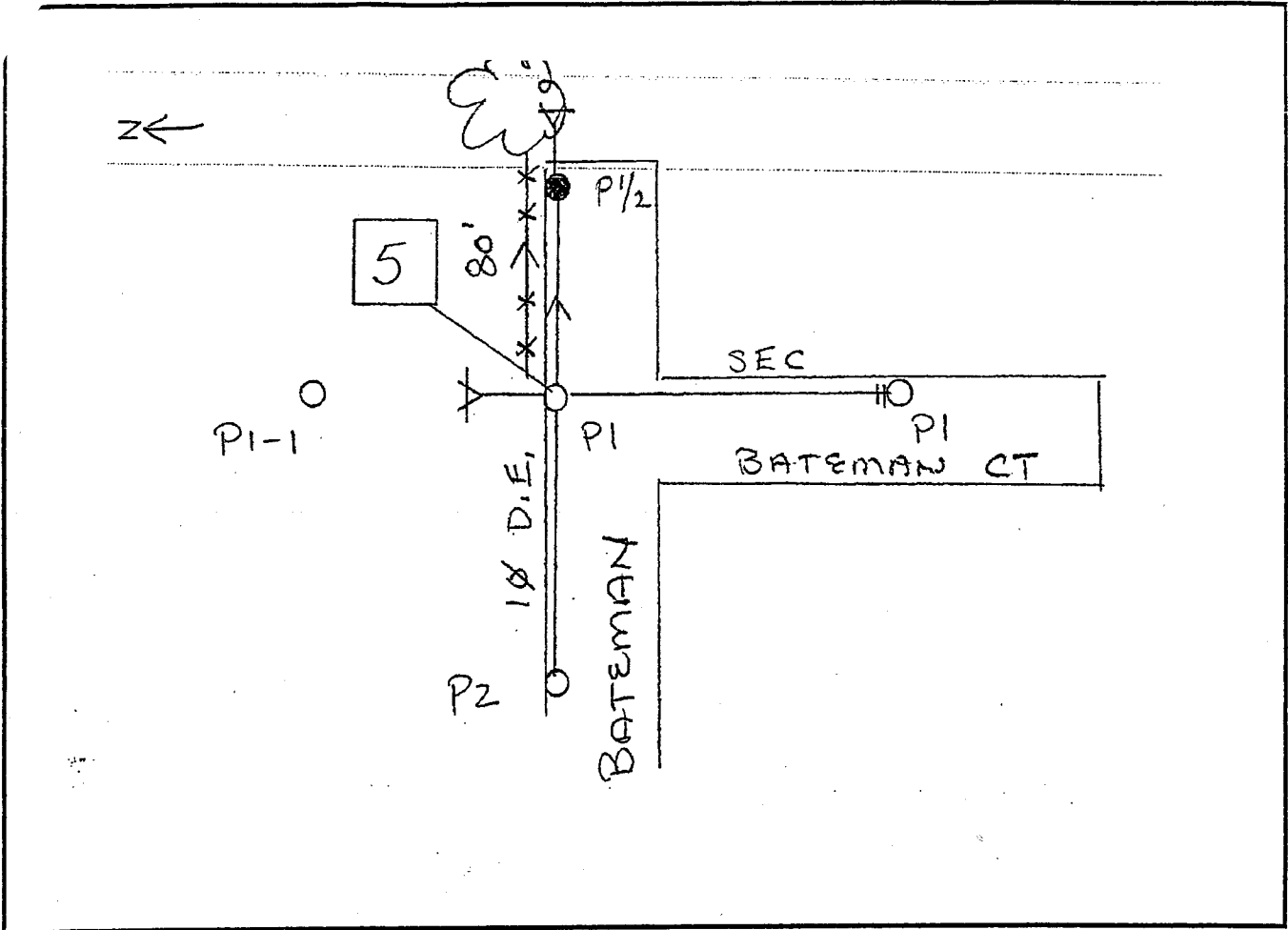
The foregoing petition been read, it was voted that the consent at the

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 _____

Adopted _____ and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page#

CLERK



THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY AND VERIZON

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION DATED: _____

TO THE: CITY OF: CRANSTON FOR: NEW POLE

JOINT POLE LOCATION ON: BATEMAN AVE

DATE OF PLAN: 4-8-11 PLAN# 207104

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: INSTALL P1/2 AND ANCHOR TO REPLACE TREE GUY (IN ROTTED TREE)

DATE OF EXISTING GRANT: 207104 MAP# _____

SYMBOL KEY

- Existing Pole Location
- Proposed New Pole Location
- ⊗ Existing Pole To Be Abandoned
- ⋈ Proposed Anchor