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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Mark Capuano, 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
Meredith Mahoney, 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:

Mr. Cordy indicated that he provided, via e-mail, reports on all the following issues.

- **Wayland, Scituate and Phenix Avenues traffic improvements** – Administration report (Cont. from 7/14/2011).

Mr. Cordy stated the actual proposal from the State has been received and we are in the process of reviewing it.

Councilman Santamaria asked for update on the traffic signal on Atwood Ave. in front of Ruggieri's Market. **Mr. Cordy** stated that we are still waiting for the survey results from the State, which should be expected in the next few weeks. Chair asked that this item and the Wayland, Scituate and Phenix Avenues traffic improvements item be placed on next month's agenda.

- **Storm Water Management District discussion** (cont'd 7/14, 2011).

Vice-Chair stated that Chairman Navarro has asked that this item be continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Re-pavement of streets list**- Administration report (Councilman Santamaria).

Mr. Cordy outlined the information in the report he provided to the Council.

Vice-Chair stated that the utility company should be required to notify the City when they will be digging up a street. Council President Lupino stated that an Ordinance should be drafted making this enforceable. **Mr. Cordy** stated that there may be an Ordinance already on the books. He will check into this.

Council President Lupino asked that this item be added as Old Business for next month's meeting.

City Clerk indicated that the City Codes does require utility companies to notify the City within a 24-hour period when digging up a street. This may be an enforceable issue.

- **Flood Buyout Status** – Administration report (Council Vice-President Pelletier).

Mr. Cordy stated that there is no new information since the last meeting.

Council Vice-President Pelletier asked for a follow-up for the October meeting.

- **Discussion of vacant properties in the City**, including the former CJCR School in Garden City and the former temple on Park Ave. (Referred from City Council 7/25/2011).

Mr. Cordy referred to the report he forwarded to the Council.

Council President Lupino stated that the grass has not been cut on a regular basis. He also asked why there is no report from the Building Inspector regarding the tires on the roof of the building. Mr. Cordy stated that the City does plan to follow-up with the owner on the grass cutting issue as well as the tires issue.

- **Stillhouse Cove** – Administration report re: on going maintenance: embankment mowing; tree growth in rip rap; cleaning of Vortechnic unit; tree trimming Strathmore Place. (Councilman Stycos).

Councilman Stycos asked if there is a date set to clean the Vortechnic unit. Mr. Cordy stated that he does not know.

Councilman Stycos stated that there is a boat on the private beach by Stillhouse Cove and this person owes the City for many years of mooring fees. Mr. Cordy stated that he had asked the Police Department to address this issue and they did indicate to the owner of the boat to remove it. He does not know what the status is on this issue at this time. Councilman Stycos asked that all the issues at Stillhouse Cove, including the boat issue, be continued to next month's meeting.

- **Narragansett Boulevard** storm drains on to reduce storm runoff – Administration report on plans for possible installation (Councilman Stycos).

Mr. Cordy reported on this.

- **Fay Field** - he Natural Resource Conservation Service project. Administration report. (Councilman Stycos).

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be continued.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees