

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, December 8, 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 Paul H. Archetto
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Mark Capuano, Deputy Director of Administration
Carlos Lopez, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Colonel Marco Palombo, Police Department
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.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Wayland, Scituate and Phenix Avenues** traffic improvements – Administration report (Cont. from 7/14/2011, 8/11/2011, 9/15/2011, 10/13/2011 & 11/17/2011).

Mr. Cordy stated that there is no update. We have not received any documentation from D.O.T. as of yet.

Council President Lupino questioned if some arrow light coming out of Wayland Ave. going left on Phenix Ave. could be installed as a temporary fix. This may cut down some accidents there. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he will look into this.

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

- **Status update on odor coming from Treatment Plant**
DEM response to RIRR plan for odor abatement – Administration to report (requested by Council President Lupino).

Councilman Santamaria stated that next Friday, the House Committee will be meeting at the Johnston High School. He asked Administration if someone from the City will be at this meeting. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he will check with **Mr. Lopez** and let the Council members know.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Warwick Avenue Pedestrian safety** (Councilman Stycos)

Councilman Stycos stated that there has been one fatality and a few other injuries in this area. He asked the City Traffic Engineer, **Dave Ferguson**, to research pedestrian accidents on Warwick Ave. and he realizes that this is a State road, but he indicated to **Mr. Ferguson** that something should be done. **Mr. Cordy** stated that there are traffic signals going on at CVS and the new Stop and Shop at various stages on Warwick Ave.

Council President Lupino asked that when the report on the accidents is provided by **Mr. Ferguson**, it include whether it is a fatality or an injury and the crosswalk that accident occurred at.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be continued to the next meeting.

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

***Implementation of the tree ordinance (Councilman Stycos)**

Councilman Stycos stated that per his discussion with Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel, it was determined that the utilities need to inform anyone of when a tree is to be removed or trimmed. He asked if the Administration has had time to discuss how this process would work. Mr. Cordy stated that a meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss this, but most of this process is already in place.

Council Vice-President Pelletier asked if a fiscal impact study was done for the implementation of this Ordinance. Mr. Cordy stated that there does not seem to be a need to necessarily mail any notices, since there would not be that many abutters. As to public meetings, it may not be necessary for a public meeting.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to continue this item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

***Maintenance of walk signs (Councilman Stycos)**

Councilman Stycos stated that he was not aware, but was advised that the Fire Department regularly checks walk signs and no discussion is needed. He asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

***Bellefont Pond status of property (Councilman Stycos)**

Mr. Cordy stated that initial test wells are being done on the site. Process has been started at this site.

Councilman Stycos stated that he would like to see the City purchase this property for Open Space only once the D.E.M. declares property not to be contaminated. He asked that this item be continued to next month.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to continue this item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Ridge Street.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Santamaria asked that the Administration update the Committee next month regarding the proposed traffic light on Atwood Ave.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

nationalgrid

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATION

TO THE HONORABLE ___ TOWN COUNCIL _____

OF _____ CRANSTON _____ RHODE ISLAND
THE NATIONAL GRID

RECEIVED
11 NOV - 1 AM 11:50
COUNCIL COPY
CITY CLERK

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:

RIDGE STREET 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: 207155

DATED 10/18/2011

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: John Castro *JB*
John Castro, Engineering

THE VERIZON

BY: Mary C. Hanley
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 Public Works Committee

Adopted 12/8/11 and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page# _____

Rosalba Zuma
CLERK
Asst

2011-10-18
2011-10-18

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11 DEC -6 PM 4:03
CRANSTON CITY CLERK

PE-84
P5-84
50' ← 58' → P5-84

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED AS CORRECTED
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESUBMIT FOR FINAL APPROVAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVED - RESUBMIT

Date 11/5/11 By [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.



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THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY AND VERIZON

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION DATED: 10/18/11

TO THE: CITY OF: CRANSTON FOR: P5-84

JOINT POLE LOCATION ON: RIDGE ST

DATE OF PLAN: _____ PLAN# _____

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: RELOCATING EXISTING P5-84
50' NW + INSTALLING ANCHOR

DATE OF EXISTING GRANT: _____ MAP# _____

SYMBOL KEY

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