

(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, April 2, 2012 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

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

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

Also Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Stycos, 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:

- **Stillhouse Cove** (Cont. from 10/13/2011)
 - Status of program
 - Status of the boat on the private beach
 - Landscaping

Mr. Cordy stated that there are some new trees to be planted and coordinated by the Edgewood Neighborhood Association in the Spring.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

- **Update on Atwood Ave. traffic signal installation** (Councilman Santamaria 12/8/2011, 1/12/2012, 2/16/2012 & 3/15/2012).

Chair stated that he received a letter from the State Traffic Commission indicating that installation is not going to begin until next Spring for a number of reason. The letter also indicated that the State is on board with all the abutters.

Council President Lupino stated that he does not understand the reason for the delay to next Spring.

Chair stated that he will provide the Committee and Administration with copies of this letter and he asked that this item be placed on the April 23rd Council Docket under "Council Member Communications".

- **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, 12/8/2011, 1/12/2012, 2/16/2012 & 3/15/2012).

Mr. Cordy stated that 30% of the Engineering is complete and the utility companies have been notified. Construction of the project is going to go out to bid by the end of the year.

Council President Lupino asked if the abutters have been notified. Mr. Cordy stated that he will make a note of this.

Council President Lupino asked that this item be continued to the June meeting, unless there is an update prior to that meeting.

- **Warwick Avenue Pedestrian safety** (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. 12/8/2011, 1/12/2012, 2/16/2012 & 3/15/2012).

Councilman Stycos stated that he is trying to meet with the Acting Traffic Engineer for the City is trying to meet with D.O.T. and Chief Engineer.

Mr. Cordy stated that that meeting has been confirmed, but he does not have the date readily available.

Council President Lupino asked who is filling in for the Traffic Engineer, since the former Traffic Engineer has retired. Mr. Cordy stated that Steve Mulcahy is Acting Traffic Engineer and he has experience in various areas. Council President Lupino indicated that this position is a Charter position. Mr. Cordy stated that the Administration is aware of this and this will be addressed at the Finance Budget hearing when the Public Works Department is heard.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be continued.

- **Falvey Linen Supply, Inc. Appeal** from Public Works Director's decision regarding modification to Industrial Wastewater Discharge (Cont. 3/15/2012).

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that a meeting was held with Falvey Linen and he does not anticipate this to be a contentious situation much longer. He suggests that this item be continued until such time an agreement is met. He will notify the Council if this is resolved.

Chair asked that this item be continued to next month for update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wilbur Ave. and Conley Road conditions and other issues – update from Administration (Councilwoman Bucci)

Mr. Cordy address the following issues:

- debris – he stated that the City's Highway Department went out to the area and picked up a fair amount of trash. There is open space in the area, which a group conducts a cleanup every year.
- loose cables – cable providers ask that constituents call the providers when there are loose cables. The City, in this case, has called the providers and the wires have been removed.
- tree debris from hurricane – the debris has been cleaned by the City. There are some trees that are on private property, but none have been determined to be a safety issue.
- road pavement mess – there is a leaking Providence Water patch. The City has advised Providence Water on at least two occasions and again last week. Chair asked that the City keep the City Council advised if Providence Water addresses this issue.

Chair asked that the above item be continued.

New London Ave. Request from National Grid for Pole Location

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair asked for list of streets to be paved this year. Mr. Cordy stated that there is a meeting regarding this scheduled for this Thursday to evaluate the paving program and he will report back to the Committee next month.

Chair asked for update on the Inter-Jurisdictional Agreement with RI Resource Recovery. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he has provided a list of potential meeting dates to Chairman Navarro. He stated that if the Council wishes to submit a list of questions to him, he may be able to obtain answers for the City Council. Solicitor Kirshenbaum suggested that three meetings be held. The first meeting would be a workshop and Executive Session the same evening. The second meeting would be with D.E.M. and the third meeting would be for new local limits.

Council President Lupino asked why we can't receive a formal response from the Town of Johnston as to the delay. He questioned if we could legally compel them to act.

Council President Lupino asked that Solicitor Kirshenbaum draft another letter with deadline and present copy of this draft at the City Council meeting.

Councilman Stycos addressed the issue of the reconfiguring the property at the RI Yacht Club. Mr. Cordy stated that the RI Yacht Club has met with the Planning Director and he gave them some ideas and directions. He indicated that he can report back on this issue at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID
FOR POLE LOCATIONS

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CITY CLERK
COUNCIL COPY

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:

NEW LONDON AVENUE

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: 207172

DATED 2/17/2012

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 John Castro
John Castro, Engineering

ORDER

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

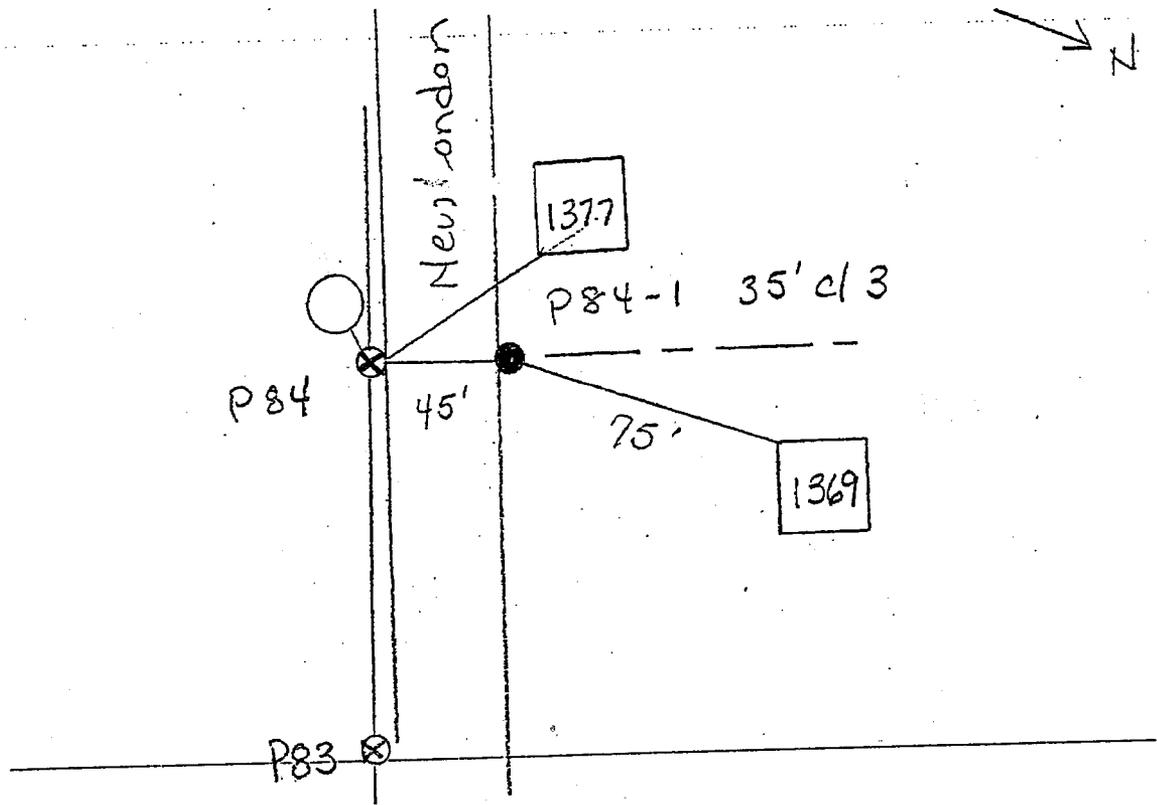
_____ for the use of public ways named for the purposes stated in said petition be and it hereby
is granted---work to be done subject to the supervision at

A true copy of the vote at the Public Works Committee

Adopted 4/2/12 and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page# _____

Rosalba Zanni
CLERK

1369 New London Ave, Cranston



SOLELY OWNED POLE

NATIONAL GRID

WR# 12319126

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION DATED 2/17/12

TO THE CITY OF CRANSTON

FOR

JOINT POLE LOCATION ON P.84-1 NEW LONDON AVE

DATE OF PLAN _____

PLAN # 207172

KEY TO SYMBOLS

PROPOSED ANCHOR LOCATION

NEW POLE LOCATION ●

EXISTING POLE LOCATION FOR REFERENCE ⊗

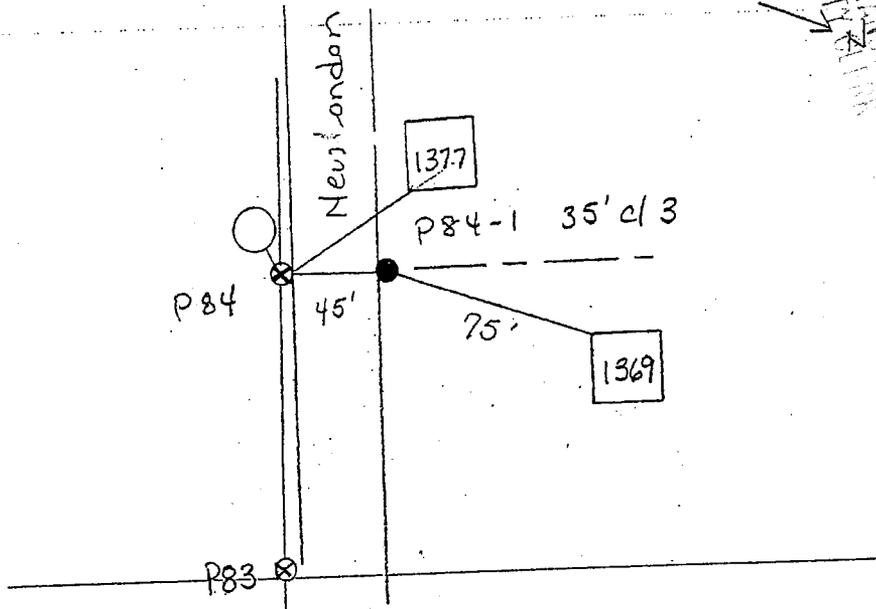
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CRANSTON, R. I.**

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Date 3/29/2012

By W. D. C.

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.