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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, May 7, 2012 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 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 Bucci. Not in attendance due to Temporary Restraining Order issued April 3, 2012 Saccoccio v. City Council C.A. P12-1561

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 Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilman Stycos, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Storm water utility districts** Update from administration on feasibility. (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. from 3/15/2012).

Mr. Cordy stated that a survey cost is being done and no information has been received as of today.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be continue to next month's meeting.

- **Warwick Avenue Pedestrian Safety** (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. 4/2/2012).

Mr. Cordy stated that the State Traffic Commission will hear this item on their May 9th agenda and whatever action they will take, they will inform us.

Vice-Chair asked that this item be continued to next month's meeting.

- **Falvey Linen Supply, Inc. Appeal** from Public Works Director's decision regarding modification to Industrial Wastewater Discharge (Cont. 4/2/2012).

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that Falvey Linen is complying with the City and they do not wish to go forward with their appeal.

L. Robert Smith, P.E. Company Forensic Engineering, City's Consultant, appeared to speak and stated that both parties have agreed to test three times a week for at least three months to see if there is a pattern. He suggested continuing this item to the August meeting.

Vice-Chair stated that this item will be continued to the August meeting.

- **Wilbur Ave. and Conley Road** conditions and other issues – update from Administration (Councilwoman Bucci) (Cont. 4/2/2012).

Mr. Cordy stated that the City has determined that it is not Providence Water causing the leak in the road and it is not ground water. The City has contracted out to a private contractor to address this. The reason the City is not doing this is there are so many utilities there.

Council President Lupino asked if the utilities have been put on notice. Mr. Cordy stated, yes.

Council President Lupino asked that this item be continued to the July meeting.

- **City Street Paving List** (Councilman Santamaria) Administration report

Chair stated that since the list is not ready, this item be continued to next month's meeting.

- **Reconfiguration of property at the RI Yacht Club** (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. 4/2/2012 for update from Administration.)
- **RI Yacht Club – property reconfiguration** (Councilman Stycos) Administration report

Mr. Cordy stated that representatives from the Yacht Club had given this proposal to the Planning Department approximately two months ago. Their primary interest was turning the street into a private street, letting them acquire the property, which the City had concerns in regards to limiting access to the people. He also stated that the Yacht Club was to get back to the City and the City is waiting to hear back from them.

Vice-Chair asked that this item be continued to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retention ponds - Administration report, inventory, and maintenance history (Council President Lupino)

Council President Lupino indicated to the packet provided by the Administration and he stated that he does not see any letters or requirements from D.E.M. requiring the City to maintain these ponds.

Mr. Cordy stated that he still has much more research to do regarding this, but approximately 95% of the ponds have been acquired as a result of developments.

Council President Lupino stated that there is a contact person at D.E.M. that is responsible for these types of ponds. **Mr. Cordy** stated, yes, he does not have the name with him, but he can provide it.

Council President Lupino asked that this item be continued to next month's meeting for more information.

Councilman Stycos asked if there is any way the developers to pay for the cost to clean up these ponds. **Mr. Cordy** stated that, certainly, going forward, yes.

Rhode Island LFG Genco, LLC Broadrock Renuables LLC sewer tie-in location

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that there is no agreement for Broadrock to tie into our system and no treaty. This is an approach that he is taking at an early stage to make the Council aware of this. Broadrock is a methane gas electric plant located at the Johnston Landfill. They are asking the City of Cranston to discharge clean water into our system.

L. Robert Smith, P.E. Company Forensic Engineering, City's consultant, appeared to speak.

Robert Stalzman, Esq., appeared to represent Broadrock and stated three points:

- We are just talking about the cooling effluent and not the leeching effluent;
- This cooling system will have a positive effect to the City's system;
- Overall, this project should improve the odor problem.

Council President Lupino questioned Mr. Smith of what contamination he anticipates this effluent is going to have. Mr. Smith stated that they will have clean water from Providence Water and start with clean median. They will also be setting up a testing program.

Council President Lupino explained the process an agreement would have to go through. Attorney Stalzman stated that they hope to be up and running by the end of June. He is aware that this has to go through a process.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the two parties will be in discussion regarding this and he will advise Council President Lupino of an Executive Session to discuss any treaty that is negotiated. He recommended that this item be continued to next month's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees