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## **REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-JUNE 25, 2012-**

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 25, 2012 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

Absent: Councilwoman Luciano -1.

Council President Lupino indicated that Councilwoman Luciano is out for medical reasons.

Also Present: Mayor Allan W. Fung; Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration; Mark Capuano, Deputy Director of Administration; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Carlos Lopez, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

### **I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

#### **PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMBERS OF *NEED* (National Energy Education Development Program)**

**Council Vice-President Navarro** indicated that the students are on their way back from Washington and they could not be present this evening. He recognized this group and stated that the Citations will be mailed to them.

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## **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE RESULTS - PRESENTATION BY LT. VINCENT MCATEER**

**Lt. McAteer** appeared to speak and gave a presentation regarding the survey results.

**Colonel Marco Palombo** appeared to speak and presented Mayor Fung with a Certificate of Accreditation.

**Mayor Fung** appeared to accept the Certificate of Accreditation and thanked everyone who supported the process for Accreditation, especially the men and women of the Police Department.

**Lawrence DiBoni**, Director of Economic Development, appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 5-12-2.

**Jeffrey Gladstone** appeared to represent Taco in favor of proposed Ordinance 5-12-2.

## **III. RESOLUTIONS**

**Council President Lupino** indicated that there are two Resolutions listed on the docket for immediate passage rather than referred to Committee in accordance with Council Rules. Council Rule 34B needs to be suspended in order to consider these Resolutions for immediate passage.

**Councilman Favicchio** stated that as to the Resolution regarding the Housing Board of Review, there is already authorization in Section 15 of the City Code and there is no need for it to go before Committee. As to the Resolution regarding the Crime Victims Restitution and Court Fee Intercept Act, it does not need to go before Committee. It is just urging the Congressional Delegation to adopt this Act.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to suspend Council Rule 34B for vote on the following Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

### **RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCIES ON THE MINIMUM HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW [\[click here to view\]](#)**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to suspend Council Rule 34B for vote on the following Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, and Council President Lupino -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Stycos, Archetto and Council Vice-President Navarro -3.

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADOPT THE CRIME VICTIMS RESTITUTION AND COURT FEE INTERCEPT ACT [\[click here to view\]](#)**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, and Council President Lupino -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Stycos, Archetto and Council Vice-President Navarro -3.

**IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**(Emilio L. Navarro, Chair)**

**EASEMENT DEED FROM CITY OF CRANSTON TO JOANN SIMPSON FOR VAUGHN LANE [\[click here to view\]](#)**

**City Clerk** indicated that this should be passed as an Ordinance. This was introduced last month without an Ordinance and it was not advertised.

**Council Vice-President Navarro** stated that in light of what the City Clerk indicated, this should be referred back to Committee as an Ordinance and advertised.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council Vice-President Navarro, it was voted to withdraw this item from the docket.

On motion by Councilwoman Bucci, seconded by Council Vice-President Navarro, it was voted to refer this item back to the Ordinance Committee.

**Under Discussion:**

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated that this is a settlement in a form of an Easement. There was a dispute between two neighbors and this would be granting access to a neighbor to his property, a shed. In this case, it can be approved either way because it was a settlement of a case. City Clerk stated that in light of the fact that this is actually a settlement an Ordinance is not necessarily required.

Motion and second to refer to Ordinance Committee were withdrawn.

On motion by Council Vice-President Navarro, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve this Easement Deed. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

**(Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair)**

**4-12-2 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC’ (Sheffield Rd. and Merrill Rd. – Stop Intersection-Enumerated) *ADD LINK***

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Santamaria, Favicchio and Council Vice-President Navarro -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council President Lupino -1. Councilwoman Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

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**4-12-3 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (Hobson Ave. and Douglas St. – Stop Intersections-Enumerated)**

Chair stated that the sponsor of this Ordinance is withdrawing it at this time.

**4-12-4 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (Burnside St. and Douglas St. – Multi-Way Stop Intersections-Enumerated)**

**Chair** stated that this Ordinance will be referred back to Committee for further study.

**4-12-5 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (Brimfield Rd. and Amherst Rd. – Multi-Way Stop Intersections-Enumerated)**

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Council Vice-President Navarro, it was voted to approve the above Ordinance.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

**Mr. Capuano** indicated to the fourth bullet in the Traffic Engineer's Staff analysis. This Ordinance is drafted incorrectly.

**Councilman Archetto** stated that due to this, he will refer this Ordinance to Safety Services and Licenses Committee to be amended.

**Mr. Capuano** stated that in the future, any Traffic Ordinances being proposed, should be referred to the Traffic Engineer for his review of the language prior to the Ordinance being advertised and heard at the Committee level.

**Chair** stated that this Ordinance will be referred back to Committee.

**5-12-1 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (No parking on certain Streets- Generally – Strathmore Place). [\[click here to view\]](#)**

On motion by Councilwoman Bucci, seconded by Council Vice-President Navarro, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Paul H. Archetto, Chair)**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS**  
[\[click here to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

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**TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF BONDING AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL BUSES**

[\[click here to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Stycos -1.

**5-12-2 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘REVENUE AND FINANCE’ (Ten Year Tax Incentive Program for Taco, Inc.).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Council Vice-President Navarro** asked what the size of project is. Jeffrey Gladstone of Taco, appeared to speak and stated that the project is pretty much completed and full working order. Council Vice-President Navarro asked how much Taco will receive in tax credits in the first year. Mr. DiBoni stated that this is based on the City’s ten year Tax Incentive credit. The total amount for the expansion is \$20 million. The Tax Incentive is only on the addition. Council Vice-President Navarro asked Mr. DiBoni to provide him with what the actual incremental increases will be.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that his concern is this is not requiring job creation and questioned what this is going to cost the taxpayers. Mr. Gladstone stated that this is adding to employment, adding to the tax base and to the infrastructure.

**Council President Lupino** indicated that there is a lien placed on any of the Tax Incentives the City gives. He also stated that Taco was advised that they could go forward with the construction, but they would have to apply and meet all the criterias and only then go before the City Council for approval.

**Councilman Archetto** stated that Taco has been a good business to the City and the neighborhood and has invested \$20 million in the expansion. It created man jobs, such as carpenters, electricians, pipefitters, along with adding revenue to the local businesses in the area, such as restaurants.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Stycos -1.

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**CLAIMS COMMITTEE**  
**(Steven A. Stycos, Chair)**

**Ratification of settled claims:** Travelers Insurance Company \$3,051.23 auto damage; Thomas Perrotta \$50.00 mailbox.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the above ratified claims. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -7. Councilwoman Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
(open to any matters)

**Richard Tomlins**, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak and stated that when items come before the Council, there should be detailed information for the public and the City Council so the Council can be fully informed before voting on an item.

**VI. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Zoning Board of Review:**

**DAVID IMONDI, Re-appointment as regular member “At Large - Eastern”**

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to re-appoint **DAVID IMONDI** as a regular member “At Large-Eastern” to the Zoning Board of Review.

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilman Stycos** stated that a Resolution was passed recently asking for a response from the Zoning Board of Review on their procedure of their meetings and he asked that the above re-appointment and the following two re-appointments be tabled, since we have not received a response from the Zoning Board of Review.

**Council Vice-President Navarro** stated that he is in favor of tabling these re-appointments until the Council receives a response from the Zoning Board. As a courtesy, they should at least respond back to the Council.

**Council President Lupino** stated that that issue has nothing to do with the appointments.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Navarro, it was voted to table the above re-appointment to next month’s meeting. Motion failed on a vote of 2-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Stycos and Council Vice-President Navarro -2. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Donahue, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -5.

Roll call was taken on original motion to re-appoint David Imondi as a regular member “At Large-Eastern” to the Zoning Board of Review and motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -6. The following being recorded a voting “nay”: Councilman Stycos -1.

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**ADAM SEPE, Re-appointment – First Alternate**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to re-appoint **ADAM SEPE** as First Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**LORI CARLINO, Re-appointment -Second Alternate (Santamaria)**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to re-appoint **LORI CARLINO** as Second Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

None.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

**Report** on hiring of special counsel, consultants, etc., pursuant to Charter Section 15.05.

None.

**REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION – *DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT M. CROCE*, CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Cordy** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION *SERGEANT DONALD CAPUANO*, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Cordy** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR *CHIEF WILLIAM MCKENNA*, CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Cordy** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

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**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW T. JERZYK AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Mr. Capuano** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the Advice and Consent of the appointment of Matthew T. Jerzyk as a member of the Conservation Commission. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF APPOINTMENT OF BARRY S. FONTAINE AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Mr. Capuano** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the Advice and Consent of the appointment of Barry S. Fontaine as a member of the Conservation Commission. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**Council President Lupino** addressed Mr. Capuano and stated that this may be his last meeting and he, on behalf of the City Council, thanked him for his service to the City and wished him luck. Mr. Capuano thanked Council President Lupino and stated that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone.

**CLAIMS SETTLED BY SOLICITOR:** Leonid Mezhberg as the Executor of the Estate of Margarita Mezhberg, Leonid Mezhberg, Tatyana Mezhberg, and Paul S. Cantor, Esq., their Attorney \$2,500.00 wrongful death.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above claims. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**Council President Lupino** asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Broadrock Agreement. Council Vice-President Navarro asked for Point of Order and stated that this item is not listed on the Docket and asked for Solicitor's opinion. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the reason for Executive Session for this evening's meeting is to discuss legal ramifications for Broadrock. City Clerk stated that the City Council can go into Executive Session with Unanimous Consent of the Council. This would not be violating Open Meetings Law.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) Acquisition, Lease or Disposition of Public Property. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

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The meeting went into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino; Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 9:40 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

### **IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Councilman Archetto:**

- *Street Sweeping Policy*

**Mr. Cordy** stated that there is an alternating policy every year on street sweeping. Streets are swept at least one time and the main streets, two times. The City has three sweepers, but one is out of service for repairs.

**Councilman Archetto** asked Administration to send the City Council a memo indicating in what Ward the sweepers are going to be and when they will be leaving that Ward. This will provide information for the Council when constituents call with questions regarding the street sweeping in their particular Ward. Mr. Cordy stated that the sweepers do not stay within the Wards. They go from street to street, but he will check to see if this can be done.

#### **Councilman Stycos:**

- *Response from Zoning Board of Review on Council Resolution No. 2012-18*

**Councilman Stycos** stated that no response has been received from the Zoning Board of Review. Council President Lupino suggested to Councilman Stycos to write a letter to Mr. Rioles as the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Review asking for a response. Councilman Stycos stated that it would be better if the letter came from the Council President. Council President Lupino stated that he can write the letter, but he voted against the Resolution. City Clerk stated that she contacted Mr. Rioles and sent an email to the Attorney of the Zoning Board regarding this. It had apparently been discussed but they did not take any action. She stated that she can forward a letter to the Zoning Board of Review regarding this.

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**Councilman Donahue:**

- *Report from Administration on Rodent Control issues in the City and procedure for addressing complaints*

Mr. Lopez stated that the City is aware that there is an outbreak of rodents in Ward 2. He and the Building Official walked the neighborhood and found that there was a home that had a cesspool, which was no longer in use and this was attracting the rodents. They spoke to the owner and covered up the cesspool and plan on revisiting the area again this week. They did cite seven homes in that neighborhood for various reasons from debris in the backyard and improper maintenance of trash in their yard.

**Councilman Santamaria:**

- *Traffic Light on Randall and Cranston St.*

**Councilman Santamaria** asked for status update on when this traffic light will be repaired. Mr. Cordy stated that they are ready to work on it, but due to the bad weather today, they were not able to start, but it will be repaired within the next day or two.

- *Crossing Flashing Light in front of St. Mary's Church*

**Councilman Santamaria** asked that the Administration address this issue. It is a safety issue.

- *Former Police Station Update*

**Councilman Santamaria** asked if the City will be going out to bid on this. Mr. Cordy stated that the bid is being put together as we speak. A mailing will go out to the public by August.

**Council President Lupino** stated that as to the rodent problems in the City, there has been too much leniency of people not being cited. Mr. Lopez stated that the City is limited to baiting and helping the residents locating the problem. The City is helping the residents in educating them on ways to manage and control the problem.

- *Sidewalk Re-Striping*

**Council President Lupino** asked if there is a list or program in restriping all the crosswalks in the City. Mr. Lopez stated that they are taken on a case by case basis the way they are reported to the City. Mr. Cordy stated that a few years ago, general crosswalk painting stopped. The only ones that we continue to paint are the ones on Routes to Schools. Reason for that is painting machine is very antiquated. Council President Lupino stated that this needs to be addressed for the safety of the children and the residents of the City.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Council President Lupino** called upon Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum to explain the re-approval of the new sewer discharge levels.

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated that he needs a letter affirming the intention that the City Council still wishes to continue with that process. Council President Lupino asked the City Clerk to send a letter to Department of Environmental Management with a copy of Sewer Discharge documents. There is no current legislation that would negate that or change that.

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**XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk read the following introduced items and the Committees and the date referred for public hearing:

- 6-12-1 Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Transfers).** [\[click here to view\]](#)
- 6-12-2 Ordinance authorizing the City to agree to a lease with Chapel View Associates, LLC with respect to property specifically a portion of Assessor's Plat 14, Lot 12 (Chapel View Lease of portion of Fire Station Parking Area).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Special Ordinance Committee – August 2, 2012**

- 6-12-3 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.84 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Site Plan Review).** [\[click here to view\]](#)
- 6-12-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.20.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Schedule of Uses).** [\[click here to view\]](#)
- 6-12-5 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.04.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Definitions).** [\[click here to view\]](#)
- 6-12-6 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.20.070 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Dwelling Structures Limited).** [\[click here to view\]](#)
- 6-12-7 Ordinance approving the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston.** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Claims Committee**

- \*Property damage claim of John A. DeFusco, Jr. for alleged incident on May 31, 2012.
- \*Personal injury claim of Tammy Meloni for alleged incident on February 7, 2012.
- \*Personal injury claim of Tammy Gerlach for alleged incident on January 24, 2012.
- \*Personal injury claim of Elizabeth Jones for alleged incident on November 19, 2011.
- \*Personal injury claim of Jean Parenti for alleged incident on May 24, 2012.

\*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

**Ordinance Committee – July 12, 2012**

**Resolution proposing amendment to Section 10.02 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and directing the Secretary of State to place on the ballot the following as a Referendum question (Director of Public Works/Non-Engineer).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Resolution proposing amendment to Section 14.01 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and directing the Secretary of State to place on the ballot the following as a Referendum question (Director of Personnel – Abolish Position).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Resolution authorizing the City to agree to a loan of a City vehicle to the City of Warwick with respect to property, specifically a Senior Center Transvan.** [\[click here to view\]](#)

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**Public Works Committee – July 9, 2012**

**Resolution authorizing Rhode Island LFG, Genco, LLC Broadrock Renuables, LLC to connect to the Cranston Sewer System. [\[click here to view\]](#)**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to refer the above new business to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to suspend Council Rules. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**Public Works Committee – July 9, 2012**

**6-12-8 Ordinance authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the RI Department of Education for the transfer of ownership of Cranston Area Career and Technical Center to the City of Cranston for \$3.2 million dollars.[\[click here to view\]](#)**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to refer the above new business to the respective Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Navarro and Council President Lupino -8.

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK**

**RESOLUTION 2012-13 SUPPORTING THE CREATION AND EXPANSION OF OUTDOOR SPACE, RECREATION AND CITY PARKS. Mayor’s Progress Report [\[click here to view\]](#)**

**Council President Lupino** asked if there is a follow up progress report from Administration on this Resolution. Councilman Stycos indicated that the Resolution calls for report to be forwarded to the Public Works Committee. This should not have been listed on the Docket for this evening. Council President Lupino asked that this be referred to Public Works Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist)