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## **REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-JULY 23, 2012-**

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci (appeared at 7:15 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

Absent: Councilwoman Luciano and Council Vice-President Navarro -2.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Carlos Lopez, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Archetto, 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 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -6.

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

Citation was presented to School Superintendent Peter Nero on his retirement from the Cranston School System.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**School Superintendent Peter Nero**, appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 6-12-8.

**Richard Tomlins**, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak regarding the following items:

- Proposed Ordinance 6-12-2 - appeared to speak in favor.
- Resolution proposing amendment to the Charter regarding the Public Works Director – he asked if the salary will be appropriated before action takes place.
- Resolution proposing amendment to the Charter regarding the Personnel Director – he asked what the Personnel Administrator’s duties are. He stated that this was not very well thought out. This should be re-reviewed. He has yet to see a firm plan on the elimination of this position. He stated that if this is passed, it will cost the City money in the long run.

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**Valerie Schuele**, 27 Farm St., appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 6-12-8 and stated that the Career and Technical Center is a crown jewel in the City. She asked that the Council support this Ordinance.

**John Lanni, Jr.**, 111 Woodview Dr., appeared to speak and stated that when the Council proposed a four-year term for the Mayor, one of the reasons was because the City could not get qualified people in a two-year term. Now the qualifications for the Public Works Director have been proposed to be reduced. It opens up the position to patronage and not qualifications. He asked that this be reconsidered. As to the Resolution regarding the Personnel Director, to turn the duties over to another entity, does not make sense. He asked that this Resolution be reconsidered.

**John Bolton, Esq.**, appeared to represent Chapel View in favor of proposed Ordinance 6-12-2.

**Jerry Trombetti**, Laurel Hill Ave., appeared to speak and stated that when roads are being done in the City, he would like to see a licensed contractor doing the job. Laurel Hill Ave. has not been repaved in thirty two years. This road is in need of repair.

**Michael Farina**, 15 Redberry Circle, appeared to speak and stated that the residents of Cranston expect their elected officials to do more for less and not do less with more. He asked that the Council reconsider the Resolution regarding the Personnel Director.

### **DRAFT FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT CRANSTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY**

**Larry Smith**, City's consultant, appeared to speak and introduced David Bowen of Wright-Pierce. Mr. Smith stated that after this meeting, the next step is to discuss local limits.

**Mr. Bowen** appeared to make a presentation.

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** thanked Larry Smith, who has been guiding Wright-Pierce with this process.

### **III. RESOLUTIONS**

None.

### **IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Council President Lupino** stated that there is a request to take proposed Ordinance 6-12-8 out of order. No one objected.

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

#### **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**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Archetto, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

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**SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**  
**(Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair)**

**4-12-1 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (Sheffield Rd. and Rangeley Rd. – Multi-Way Stop Intersection-Enumerated).**

**Council President Lupino** asked Administration what the Traffic Engineer's recommendation is regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Cordy stated that the Traffic Engineer strongly opposes this Ordinance.

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, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria and Favicchio -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council President Lupino -1.

**4-12-7 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC' (No Parking 11 Calaman Rd.).**

**4-12-8 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' (No Parking 11 Calaman Rd.).**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to recommit the above two Ordinances back to the Safety Services and Licenses Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS**

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Archetto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

**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 Tax Interest Waiver Approvals on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

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**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)**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, 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 President Lupino -6. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Bucci -1

**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)**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

**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**

Vote taken after Public Hearings.

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

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO SEC. 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)**

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to discuss and vote on the above Resolution at the end of the Docket.

No roll call was taken.

**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)**

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to discuss and vote on the above Resolution at the end of the Docket.

No roll call was taken.

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**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 TRASNVAN**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donahue** asked if an assessment has been done on whether we have excess demand for these vans. Mr. Cordy stated that we have thirteen vans and we are only using eleven now and we would still have one for backup.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 4-1 with two members not present for roll call vote. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1. Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Santamaria were not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to reconsider the above vote, since there needs to be five voting in the positive for an item to pass. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Favicchio and Council President Lupino -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1. Councilman Santamaria was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1.

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

**RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS: Amica Insurance \$3,880.23 auto damage; John Ferro \$50.00 mailbox; John A. DeFusco \$375.51 property damage; Julia Wold \$111.98 auto damage**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve the above ratified claims. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Favicchio and Council President Lupino -6. Councilman Santamaria 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 he would like an investigation done of who does what now and what those duties represent to the City before any Resolution is passed regarding the elimination of the Personnel Director position. Everything that he has heard so far, this would be disastrous for the City.

**Jerry Trombetti**, Laurel Hill Ave., appeared to speak and thanked the Council for their work in not increasing taxes. He reiterated his statements made earlier regarding the conditions of the roads in the City, mostly Dyer Ave. and Laurel Hill Ave. He also asked that the City work on the cleanup of the rat control in the City.

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**Steve Callahan**, 135 Amanda St., appeared to speak and stated that after last Wednesday's rainstorm, a representative from Veolia came to his home and asked him to shut off his manual valve in his basement. By the time he went in the basement, he had a sewer backup. He indicated that past Council allocated money for check valves to be installed in the homes on his street. This has, to date, not been done. This is affecting his and his family's quality of life. If the check valve had been installed in his home, he would not be going through this.

## **VI. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

- **Re-appointment of Julie Colangelo**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to re-appoint JULIE COLANGELO as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

- **Re-appointment of Roberta Costa**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to re-appoint ROBERTA COSTA as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

### **BUILDING APPEAL BOARD:**

- **Re-appointment of John A. Phillips**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to re-appoint JOHN A. PHILLIPS as a member of the Building Appeal Board. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

## **VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

None.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

### **REPORT ON HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, CONSULTANTS, ETC., PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 15.05**

No discussion was held.

### **REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR LT. THOMAS MIZZONE, CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Cordy** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

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**Mr. Cordy** stated that the City has received a letter from D.O.T. dated June 19<sup>th</sup> indicating that the State Traffic Commission has approved the traffic light at Warwick Ave. at Stop & Shop and those costs for the installation will be assessed to the developer.

**CLAIM SETTLED BY THE SOLICITOR: Amica Insurance \$3,600.00 auto damage**

No discussion was held.

**IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – Finance Director Strom**

**Mr. Strom** appeared to speak and stated that the fourth quarter interest income generated from our short term Money Market Investments totaled \$9,549, which is consistent to the other four quarters for Fiscal Year 2012. Total investment interest income is \$40,642. Cash flow management is essential to allocate monies to pay for debt service, salary items and school appropriations during the course of the Fiscal Year. He indicated that when investing, he always selects a financial institution that collateralizes the City's funds to avoid any financial risk. Currently, the City uses Webster Bank, Citizens Bank, Bank RI and OSIP. OSIP is an investment pool from the State of Rhode Island, Webster Bank is providing the best rate of return. Unfortunately, the rates are not very attractive to generate significant rewards.

**AUDIO SYSTEM UPDATE**

**Mr. Cordy** stated that according to the Purchasing Agent, the City has received one proposal and a second proposal is due tomorrow. He will report back at next month's meeting.

**Council President Lupino** stated that communication was sent to the Mayor and the City Council regarding ongoing issues at a location on Westwood Ave. of allegations of activity, some possibly criminal allegations and loud noise. A copy of this communication also was sent to the Police Colonel. **Mr. Cordy** stated to Council President Lupino that he is not aware of this, but he will look into it and contact him tomorrow. **Mr. Lopez** entered the room and was asked by Council President Lupino if he would address this issue, since Councilman Stycos has spoken to **Mr. Lopez** regarding this. **Mr. Lopez** stated that this issue has been brought to the attention of Major Schaffran and the Lieutenant and they are working on this. Council President Lupino asked that the Council be updated on this matter.

**X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Councilman Santamaria:**

**Councilman Santamaria** thanked the Police, Fire and fellow Council members and Administration who participated in the St. Mary's Feast.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked Administration to send a letter or call D.O.T. stating that the State roads are deplorable with overgrown grass, especially in the median strips and sidewalks. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he will be happy to do that.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked for update on the Police Station bid. **Mr. Strom** stated that it is in the process of going out to bid sometime in August and then have a bid opening.

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**Councilwoman Bucci:**

**Councilwoman Bucci** confirmed that the City Council did approve for backflow Valves in 2008 to be installed. She questioned why this was never attended to since it was passed. Council President Lupino stated that he believes it was a Resolution and not an Ordinance and he does not think it carried any funding sources. Councilwoman Bucci asked that this item be placed on the next Public Works Committee agenda. She believes the homes were specifically listed of which ones to have these valves installed.

**Councilwoman Bucci** questioned the \$125,000 in legal fees for the Police Department. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this should be discussed in Executive Session. He can check to see what he can disclose due to the Officers' Bill of Rights. Councilwoman Bucci stated that the taxpayers are paying for this and this is a lot of money. She thinks it is a good idea to discuss this in Executive Session. She asked if any other Council members felt that way. No one answered.

**Councilman Archetto:**

**Councilman Archetto** reiterated Mr. Trombetti's remarks regarding the condition of the roads in the City. He stated that our City should look into using the same trash cans as Providence to fix the rat problem in the City.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Safety Services and Licenses Committee – August 6, 2012**

**7-12-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Business Licenses and Regulations" (Fire Works Vendor License).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**7-12-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Noise Abatement" (Fireworks – Hours of Use).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Public Works Committee – August 6, 2012**

**Resolution reducing food sources for rodents.** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Request from National Grid for new joint pole location at Bridge Street.** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Finance Committee – August 16, 2012**

**7-12-3 Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Western and Eastern Cranston Police Impact Fees for Police Station Lease payments.** [\[click here to view\]](#)

**7-12-4 Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 (Chief of Staff).** [\[click here to view\]](#)

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## Claims Committee

- \*Property damage claim of Garrett Pratt for alleged incident on June 19, 2012.
- \*Property damage claim of Darleen LaRose for alleged incident on June 28, 2012.
- \*Property damage claim of John Thompson for alleged incident on June 29, 2012.
- \*Property damage claim of Eleni Stamatakis for alleged incident on July 23, 2012.
- \*Property damage claim and personal injury claim of Marie Sanon for alleged incident on June 29, 2012.

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

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to refer the above new business to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -7.

## XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

### **ZBR Response to Resolution No. 2012-18 Requesting the Zoning Board adopt Hearing Procedures with further the intent of Open Meetings.**

**City Clerk** indicated that this matter was placed before the Zoning Board and no action was taken and no response was received by the Board.

### **RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO SEC. 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)**

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to table this Resolution to a date uncertain.

#### Under Discussion:

**City Clerk** stated that she was unable to reach the Registrar to find out when the deadline is to place items on the Ballot for the November Elections. She does know it is sometime in August. A special Council meeting could be called for the beginning of August if this is to be amended.

**Councilman Archetto** asked what the reason for tabling is. Councilman Stycos stated that Council members have specific objections to the wording and amendments could be made. This would not go back to Committee.

Roll call was taken on motion to table the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 4-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos, Favicchio and Council President Lupino -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Santamaria -3.

### **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)**

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to table this Resolution to a date uncertain. Motion failed on a vote of 3-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos and Favicchio - 3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Santamaria and Council President Lupino -4.

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**Councilman Archetto** commended Councilmen Donahue and Stycos for trying to save money, but giving the School Department the Personnel Department to run will definitely increase taxes next year. Historically, the School Department runs over-budget every year. This will definitely increase taxes next year if this is passed. The City Council and Administration has no control over the School Department. He asked that the Personnel Department be kept under the control of the Administration and the City Council.

**Councilman Donahue** stated that whether the City Council is in favor of keeping the Personnel Director or not, he asked that the Council at least give the voters the opportunity to weigh in on this.

**Council President Lupino** stated that although during the Budget process he was in favor of this, he has since received comments from the public of good assurances that this Resolution, as written, would not pass by the voters. The Resolution clearly states that it abolishes the Personnel Director's position. Because of this, he cannot support this Resolution. He stated that the Mayor needs to establish much more control over the duties of this position. The position is in the Charter. The Charter does not state that the position has to be a full-time position with benefits. This could be a part-time position, since there is not enough work for a full-time position. The position could be changed to a part-time position and the person could be utilized in other departments when needed.

**Councilman Favicchio** stated that the voters should be given the opportunity to decide on this.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above Resolution and motion failed on a vote of 3-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Donahue, Stycos and Favicchio -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto, Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Santamaria and Council President Lupino - 4.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist)