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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 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 Councilman Stycos.

Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
Councilwoman Leslie A. Luciano  
Councilwoman Maria A. Bucci  
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Absent: Council Vice-President Emilio L. Navarro, Chair  
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman James E. Donahue  
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff  
Stephen Peltier, Assistant City Solicitor  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Ron Ronzio, Stenographer

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Falvey Linen Supply, Inc. Appeal* from Public Works Director's decision regarding modification to Industrial Wastewater Discharge (Cont. 5/7/2012).

**Mr. Cordy** stated that he didn't realize until today that today was a Jewish Holiday and Solicitor Kirshenbaum is not present this evening.

**Council President Lupino** questioned whether this issue was taken care of at the last Council meeting. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he does not know if there is a formal agreement.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

*Wilbur Ave. and Conley Road* conditions and other issues – update from Administration (Councilwoman Bucci) (Cont. 7/9/2012).

**Councilwoman Bucci** stated that the area does look a lot better since the last meeting. She questioned if the guard rails are going to be fixed. **Mr. Cordy** stated that this is being looked into and it looks like a regarding of Conley Rd. The City is looking at repairing the guard rails as well as replacing it. He also indicated that the water leak is being repaired by Providence Water.

**Councilwoman Bucci** stated that this item can be removed from the agenda.

*Wayland, Scituate and Phenix Avenues* traffic improvements – Adm. report (Cont. from 7/9/2012).

**Mr. Cordy** stated that D.O.T. will install a new sequence.

**Council President Lupino** asked what the new sequence is. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he does not know, but he will provide this information.

**Council President Lupino** asked that this item remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

*Storm water utility districts* Update from administration on feasibility. (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. from 7/9/2012).

**Mr. Cordy** stated that starting tomorrow morning, a new Environmental Engineer will start with the City and the above item will be one of his projects going forward.

**Chair** asked that this item remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

***RI Yacht Club – property reconfiguration*** (Councilman Stycos) Administration report

**Mr. Lopez** stated that the City is still waiting to see if the RI Yacht Club still wants to go forward with this configuration they had suggested. He asked that this item be continued.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion took place on the various concerns of the Ocean Avenue Seal Wall.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to rename the above item for next month's agenda to "RI Yacht Club Property Reconfiguration and Ocean Avenue Seal Wall Concerns". Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2012-13** Supporting the creation and expansion of outdoor space, recreation and City parks. (Mayor's quarterly report). [\[click here to view\]](#)

**Councilman Stycos** stated that there is an Open Space Bond on the ballot in November in Ward 4. The City could look into purchasing this area near Laten Knight Rd. and use it as a walking path or trail, but we need to start moving on that. He asked that the Administration look into this for the next meeting.

**Council President Lupino** asked how big this property is. Councilman Stycos stated that he is not sure, but it is a very large area. Council President Lupino stated that there is a lot of bonding authority that has been passed by the voters, but this Administration has been conservative in releasing that. Mr. Cordy stated that the conservative is partly because the rating agencies, going forward, are now going to take into consideration the unfunded pension liabilities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Chair** asked for any motions. No motions were made.

No action taken.

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

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

**Backflow Valves installation** – approved in 2008

**Council President Lupino** stated that in 2008, there was a line item in the Budget requesting that these valves were to be installed. To date, none have been accomplished.

**Mr. Cordy** stated that unfortunately, Solicitor Kirshenbaum, who has the institutional knowledge regarding this issue, is not present this evening.

**Council President Lupino** asked that a response or explanation of this situation be sent to the City Council, if not by the end of this week, by next week.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**Tree Planting** – Councilman Stycos

**Councilman Stycos** handed gavel to Councilwoman Bucci.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he met with Mr. Lapolla and they looked at some possible tree planting sites.

**Mr. Cordy** stated that after speaking with Mr. Lapolla, the only question was which type of trees were to be used.

**Councilman Stycos** asked Mr. Cordy to address the proposal.

**Mr. Cordy** stated that this was from a lease agreement with Carpionato, which they would be donating trees to be planted in the City. The proposal between Councilman Stycos and Mr. Lapolla is as follows: two trees at Cranston Housing Authority on Warwick Ave. and two trees at Westwood and Edgewood. Cranston Housing Authority would have to agree to maintain the two trees and the City would agree to maintain the other two trees. Mr. Lapolla had suggested Bradford Pear trees as to the types of trees.

**Councilwoman Bucci** asked that the Administration speak to Carpionato for the five trees and also address the recommendations of the types of trees. Councilman Stycos stated that the original proposal was for five trees.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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