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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair  
Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Vice-Chair  
Councilman James E. Donahue  
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio  
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Absent: Council Vice-President Emilio L. Navarro  
Councilwoman Maria A. Bucci

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Robert Strom, Finance Director  
Roy Damiano, City Council Internal Auditor  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Devin Baccari, Stenographer

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

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.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Real Estate and Tangible Tax Abatements**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of the Real Estate and Tangible Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements**

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to recommend approval of the Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Board of Tax Assessment Review for taxes assessed December 31, 2010**

Informational only. No action needed.

- **Tax Interest Waiver Approvals**

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to recommend approval of the Tax Interest Waiver Approvals. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Cost to the City, to date, for Sue Bello case and account funds are coming out of. (Councilman Archetto)**

**Councilman Archetto** asked for update of the cost for this case. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that after speaking with Solicitor Rawson today, he stated that we do not have the amount to date as of yet. The last update given to the City Council was approximately \$15,000. Councilman Archetto asked what account is paying for this. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated, "Outside Legal Services" in the Law Department. Councilman Archetto asked if there is any and possibility of an agreement not spend more money. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the way he understands it, there is a Consent order where the personnel director will keep her job & positions with no promise of what the Council will do in the future. The order reflects the status quo. There are on coming talks about whether she's entitled to attorney's fees and costs.

**Mr. Strom** noted that for the first Quarter, Outside Legal Services is under-budget considerably.

**Councilman Archetto** asked that this item be continued every two months for cost update.

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to reschedule the Ordinance Committee and the Finance Committee meetings to November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. respectively. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees