

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 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 Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee, Vice-Chair (appeared at 6:10 P.M.)
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Mahoney, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, 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:

Chair referred to a letter from Chair of R.I. Taxpayers in support of Resolution encouraging the Rhode Island General Assembly to eliminate single party voting by means of a single mark on a Ballot.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

1-13-02 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](#)]

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Botts, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution encouraging the Rhode Island General Assembly to eliminate single party voting by means of a single mark on a Ballot. [[click here to view](#)]

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to deny this Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Botts stated that it would be in the best interest of the voters to look at the person who they are voting for even if they are voting for one party or not.

Council President Lanni stated that single vote for same party has been going on for many years. Most of the people who vote single party know exactly who they are voting for.

Councilman Aceto agreed with Council President Lanni that each party has equal opportunity to vote master lever if they choose.

Roll call was taken on motion to deny the above Resolution and motion failed on a vote of 4-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Archetto, Aceto, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos and Botts -3.

Rodent Issue: Discussion on ways to address the situation. (Councilman Archetto – 1/17/2013).

Chair stated that he would like some type of action plan to address this issue before the Spring. stated that he has spoken to several State Representatives who live in areas that have rodent problems, such as Jacquard, who stated to him that they would like to get involved in coming up with a solution, possibly holding a meeting with them.

Councilman Stycos expressed concern over the use of rodent poison treatment in the soil where unknowing subsequent homeowners come in and then garden in contaminated soil.

Councilman Aceto stated that he had been surprised to learn that the best time to kill rodents is in the winter when they're in their nest.

Mr. Lopez stated that there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 3:00 P.M. with Councilman Aceto, Stycos, Director of Public Works, City's Rodent Specialist Steve Iacobucci, Director of Administration and himself, to discuss this issue. Once this meeting is held, a meeting can be scheduled with the City Council and State Representatives, if requested.

Councilman Aceto suggested possibly looking at having trash pickup twice a week in the areas where there are rodent problems.

Councilman Stycos asked if there is a map of complaints or places that Mr. Iacobucci has gone out to. Mr. Lopez stated that Mr. Iacobucci maintains a very accurate log of areas he goes to, but does not believe there is a map.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees