

(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).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, April 1, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Steven Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, 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:

Storm water utility districts Update from administration on feasibility. (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. from 1/14/2013).

Mr. Cordy stated that there is an effort between NRCS and the City of Providence to try to get all the area communities together to address these issues. Cranston has indicated its willingness to participate.

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Appeal dated November 21, 2012 from ruling dated November 5, 2012 on Aug. 15, 2012 Fine Notice. (Cont. 3/4/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Dec. 7, 2012 Appeal of Fine Notice dated Aug. 15, 2012. (Cont. 3/4/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the City is continuing to work on this issue and perhaps after the Budget sessions he will be ready for an Executive Session regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Commission Recommendation on:

DEM notice of application no. 12-0192 of Frank O Monti, Jr. for alteration of freshwater wetlands at Briarbrook & Regal Way. [\[click here to view\]](#)

DEM notice of application no. OCTA 12-029 from DSD Enterprises for alteration of freshwater wetlands at intersection of Plainfield and Sailor Way. [\[click here to view\]](#)

Chair stated that since there is no one from the Conservation Commission present to address this, he asked that the above two items be continued.

Request from National Grid for Pole Location at Lark Ave. (Ratify the Action). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

3-13-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Snow Removal-Residential). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Archetto stated that this would exempt anyone over 55 years of age or older or physically disabled from shoveling sidewalks. No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of the above Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

3-13-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Snow Removal-Businesses). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Archetto stated that he has noticed a lot of businesses are very lax and negligent in shoveling their sidewalks. This needs to be enforced.

Chair asked who is responsible for the enforcing this. Mr. Lopez stated the Police Department is responsible for the enforcement upon a complaint.

Councilman Stycos asked if the Administration gives businesses in key areas of the City, prior to the Winter, notice that they will be fined if they do not clear their sidewalks. Mr. Lopez stated that as a matter of practice, the City issues a normal parking ban notice and press release. Most of the businesses would rather pay a \$25 fine rather than pay someone to clear their sidewalks. By increasing the fine, it may make them clear the sidewalks.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to amend this Ordinance by increasing the fine to \$250 for the first offense and \$500 thereafter.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Favicchio questioned how the City would determine when the 24 hours would start to run. Mr. Lopez stated that it would be determined by what the Public Works crew feels. We would have to use our judgment because there are a lot of variables.

Councilman Stycos asked if anyone was cited in the last storm. Mr. Lopez stated that no residents or businesses were fined. The egregious offenders did clear their sidewalks upon the Police Officers responding.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend the above Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees