

(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, June 3, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason Director of Public Works
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Mason stated that the City has agreed to join with other municipalities for a feasibility study. An RFP is out for Phase I study. This study should take approximately six months.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be continued.

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Appeal dated November 21, 2012 from ruling dated November 5, 2012 on Aug. 15, 2012 Fine Notice. (Cont. 5/6/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Dec. 7, 2012 Appeal of Fine Notice dated Aug. 15, 2012. (Cont. 5/6/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Mr. Mason stated that there is no new update since the last meeting. He and Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum have met with the Attorney the City has retained for this project and are getting set for mediation.

Chair asked that an Executive Session be scheduled for next month for update and these two items be continued.

8S-12-1 Ordinance in Amendment of Title 13.08 of Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services" (Sewer Service System) and Title 13.12 entitled "Wastewater Disposal Services". [\[click here to view Ordinance\]](#)
[\[click here to view notice\]](#) (Cont. 5/6/2013 for solicitor's status report).

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos asked for explanation of this Ordinance.

Mr. Mason stated that this Ordinance is for the industrial pretreatment program.

Chair asked if Tutela Engineering is still responsible for administering the pretreatment program for industrial users in the City. Mr. Mason stated, yes, they have a contract with Veolia. Chair asked if there is a schedule of who they are inspecting every month. Mr. Mason stated that there is an annual report that is provided to the City and D.E.M. and he can forward it to the Council.

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

4-13-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8, Ch. 36 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Rodent Control" (Bird Feeder Fines Nuisance). (Cont. 5/6/13 for administrative review & recommendations). [\[click to view\]](#)

Council Vice-President Farina asked that this Ordinance be continued in order for Mr. Quinlan to provide changes that were recommended at the last meeting.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

5-13-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services" (Sewer Connection Permits). [\[click to view\]](#)

Mr. Mason stated that there is a process currently in place that the Public Works Department follows to issue a permit.

Councilman Favicchio asked the sponsor of this Ordinance why he would want the City Council to approve the permits. Chair stated that with all the issues that have occurred and have been occurring, the City Council does not hear about these connections. There is really no process in place where the Council is notified of any connections.

Councilman Favicchio stated that he agrees with the process, but is not sure the Council should be approving the connections.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from Verizon & National Grid for joint pole location at Olney Arnold Rd. [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees