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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Chair
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina, Vice-Chair
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Michael Favicchio
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Roy Damiano, City Council Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Sally Brassard, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Chair stated that per the City Clerk, the minutes of the last meeting are not ready this evening and they will be voted on next month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:

5-13-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Revenue and Finance" (Tax Assessment Board of Review Compensation). Referred back from 6/24/2013 City Council. [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Quinlan presented the following: re-drafted copy, including suggestions made by the Committee at the last meeting; version of the Ordinance from last month's meeting; redline version of the document.

Council President Lanni asked that his name be removed as sponsor of this Ordinance because this is nothing like the Ordinance he intended to have passed.

Council President Lanni asked Solicitor to state how many meeting we have during a revaluation year compared to a regular year.

Councilman Stycos questioned if this Ordinance can still be considered or discussed if there is no sponsor to the Ordinance. Mr. Quinlan stated that there needs to be a sponsor in order to discuss an Ordinance.

Discussion ended regarding this Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Real Estate and Tangible Tax Abatements** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the list of Real Estate Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the list of Real Estate Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Board of Tax Assessment Review for taxes assessed December 31, 2011 (informational only)** [\[click to view\]](#)

No action needed.

- **Tax Interest Waiver Approvals** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of the list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Tax Interest Waiver Denials** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of the list of Tax Interest Waiver Denials. Motion passed unanimously.

6-13-1 Ordinance ratifying the Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of America, Local Union No. 251 Municipal Employees (FY July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015). [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Cordy appeared to speak.

Councilman Aceto commended the Teamsters for coming to the table and urged the Council members to vote for this agreement.

Council President Lanni stated that the Teamsters have gone above and beyond for the City of Cranston. They gave up longevity among a lot of other items. This increase is long overdue.

Council Vice-President Farina agreed with Councilman Aceto and Council President Lanni and he will support this contract.

Councilman Aceto stated that this is a fair contract and he will also be supporting this contract.

Chair asked Council Auditor to explain his review of this contract.

Mr. Damiano stated that he reviewed and tested the fiscal note presented by the Administration. Increases for 2014, 2015 and 2016 reflect compound interest rate. He also tested the pension costs and healthcare and he believes the fiscal note is properly stated on how it will impact the City.

Chair questioned what the bottom number (\$460,349.34) on the fiscal note means. Mr. Strom stated that that is the cost of three year period for the City.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Archetto called for point of order, Council member was not recognized by Chair. Council President Lanni raised his hand and was recognized by the Chair.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Aceto, Botts, Archetto, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Stycos -1.

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

6-13-6 Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 (4th Quarter Transfers). [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos asked for explanation for “state revaluation” on line 62. Mr. Strom stated that his suggestion is we pay this now for FY 2013 and next year we will have a cushion going into the next FY.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees