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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance 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 6:05 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee, Vice-Chair (arrived at 6:15 P.M.)
Councilmen Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Councilman Mario Aceto (arrived at 6:10 P.M.)
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John A. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
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
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Sally Brassard, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

6-13-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8.51 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Health and Safety” (Emergency Management Commission).
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Councilman Aceto stated that the Emergency Management Coordinator is appointment by the Council President. He questioned if this Ordinance is separate from that. Councilman Archetto stated, yes.

Mr. Quinlan stated that this is creating a new body which parallels the State Law, where every municipality is to have an Emergency Management body, whether it is an individual or a commission.

Council President Lanni questioned if this Ordinance is passed, will there will be three emergency management coordinators? Councilman Archetto stated that if this Ordinance is passed, there will be two individuals and we do not need a liaison.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he does not have a problem having a commission, but he is concerned about the duplication of efforts.

Councilman Aceto questioned lines 96 & 97. Councilman Archetto stated that he does not have a problem deleting these two lines.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to delete lines 96 & 97. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to delete lines 105-108.

Under Discussion:

Council President Lanni stated that he believes there should be a commission, but the rest of the Ordinance, he is opposed to.

Council Vice-President Farina stated that he also thinks there is a need for a commission, but this Ordinance has flaws and there should be more discussion on this Ordinance.

Roll call was taken on motion to delete lines 105-108 and motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Aceto, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Archetto -1.

Discussion took place on the Ordinance as amended.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to continue this Ordinance so it can be reviewed and re-drafted to make it in compliance with State Law. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Archetto, Aceto, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Botts -1.

6-13-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Health and Safety” Fire Prevention Code (Fire Pits). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Botts, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council President Lanni stated that a similar Ordinance was defeated a few years ago due to outcry from constituents.

Councilman Stycos asked if the Fire Department has any opinion regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Cordy stated that the Fire Marshall had questions with regards to the Ordinance, specifically line 60 and line 67.

Council President Lanni indicated to lines 44-46 and stated that this means that people who have grills on their decks or patio would have to remove them or they would be fined.

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

6-13-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Macklin St. from Palmer Ave. to Suez No Through Trucking). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Santamaria suggesting the following amendment: after line #32 and before “B”, add the following language: “Trucks delivering to Macklin St. addresses must enter via Calder St. and proceed to destination”.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to amend the above Ordinance as follows: after line #32 and before “B”, add the following language: “Trucks delivering to Macklin St. addresses must enter via Calder St. and proceed to destination”. Motion passed unanimously.

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

6-13-5 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (No Parking on Florida Ave., West Side). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Santamaria stated that there is an error on line #29. “West” should be “East”.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to amend line #29 from "West" to "East". Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Speakers:

Denise Marcinko, 9 Hyde Ave., appeared to speak and stated that one of her neighbors is putting garbage out on Sunday night. This is an eyesore and the odor is awful. This has become a routine in Edgewood. The City should go back to the way it was in the 1970's where garbage could not be put out until 6 PM the night before pickup.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that there is an Ordinance on the books stating that garbage cannot be put out too early. Ms. Marcinko stated that the Ordinance has been changed to 12 the day before, that is still unacceptable.

Robert Brayton, 1351 Cranston St., appeared to speak and stated that once again, someone has crashed through the fence of the Governor Sprague Mansion. This is occurring more and more. This is serious for Cranston Historical Society because this is a historical fence. This over time has become a safety issue. There is a school bus stop and a RIPTA stop there. Sooner or later, someone is going to get seriously injured. Something needs to be done to slow the traffic down. Adding to public safety issue, there are more than one 18-wheel trucks that park in front of the house. Chair stated that he will call the Chief of Staff tomorrow regarding this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees