

(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, August 5, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair (arrived at 7:05 P.M.)
Councilman Paul H. Archetto (arrived at 6:40 P.M.)
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason Director of Public Works
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
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 6/3/2013 & 7/1/2013).

Mr. Mason stated that Cranston is in collaboration with six other cities and towns and Narragansett Bay Commission for Phase I feasibility study. The engineering firm has been selected and the study should be done by the end of this calendar year. At the end of the study, the firm will conduct a presentation to the City Council.

Councilman Stycos suggested continuing this item to the December Committee meeting.

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Appeal dated November 21, 2012 from ruling dated November 5, 2012 on Aug. 15, 2012 Fine Notice. (Cont. 6/3/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Dec. 7, 2012 Appeal of Fine Notice dated Aug. 15, 2012. (Cont. 6/3/2013). [\[click here to view\]](#)

***Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation:**

- **RIRRC – update from Solicitor**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:45 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Botts, Archetto, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni; Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Kenneth Mason Director of Public Works; Larry Smith; Attorney Anthony Troiano and Attorney Scott DeMalo.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:55 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

5-13-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Public Services” (Sewer Connection Permits). (Cont. 7/1/2013). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to amend this Ordinance as follows:

- Section 1(B), delete “Council, the City” and add “Public Works Director”
- Section 1(B), add “#1. Each and every month the Public Works Director shall submit a list of names and addresses or all approved connections within the City of Cranston. This list shall be for notification/informational purposes only (not to ratify or reject).”
- Section 1, add “G. Any and all out of City connections (users located outside of Cranston) shall be approved by the Public Works Committee and then by the full City Council prior to any connection to the system. An out of City applicant seeking a connection to the Cranston Wastewater System shall not rely on the payment of engineering fees, costs or studies spent in furtherance of a proposed connection to Cranston or its agents as tacit approval for anything prior to receiving full City Council approval.”

Under Discussion:

City Clerk indicated that there are several sections omitted, in particular, fee chart, the following language following the chart: “An additional sewer connection fee shall be paid on any future additions or expansions to facilities in the above-mentioned categories. The additional fee shall be based on the above schedule in the appropriate category”; and “Section F. Areas exempt from this chapter are as follows: Areas exempt from this chapter are as follows: 1. Public buildings; 2. Areas zoned M-1 or M-2 prior to January 1, 1983, located west of Route I-295, south of Plainfield Pike and north of Scituate Avenue.”

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to include omitted sections as stated by the City Clerk. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Archetto -1.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees