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FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Tuesday, August 13, 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 Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio
Michael Behm
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Senator Frank S. Lombardi
Brian Dupont
Amy Sinyei
Representative Joseph McNamara
Nicholas Capobianco, Jr.
Matt Papino

Also Present: Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, 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. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion regarding letters to Congressional and Senatorial Delegation.

No discussion was held.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

- Amount of money allocated to solve flood area problems and what organizations sent the money; was money earmarked for certain site or location?

Mr. Mason stated that there are two HUD Grants that we are working on at this time: Perkins Ave. acquisition of \$1.2 million and the second State Grant for \$430,000 for Perkins Ave. acquisition also. Chair asked where the money is coming from to upgrade Fletcher Ave. Mr. Mason stated that that is just for funding for the engineering.

Chair asked if any FEMA money has been received. Mr. Mason stated that the only money that was approved was to purchase one property on Amanda Ct.

Councilman Favicchio asked if there is any money available for some of the businesses affected by the floods. Mr. Mason stated that FEMA is very strictly regulated and we have not met those thresholds. Also a lot of FEMA money has been used for Hurricane Sandy. There is very little money available.

- If money was allocated, why the delay?

Mr. Mason stated that the \$1.2 million is for Perkins Ave. and the delay is due to negotiations process doing the buyouts.

- What department, federal or state, if any, is holding up the funding stream for the projects?

Chair stated that this item was already addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

- Fletcher Ave. construction of the drain pipe.

Mr. Mason stated that adding a drain pipe to Fletcher Ave. is not going to help anything. A flood wall has to be built.

Mr. Behm asked what would be the cost for the flood wall. Mr. Mason stated \$15 to \$20 million. These funds would be federal funds (NRCS). The project would consist of a flood wall along with five basins inter-connected to a pump station.

Chair asked that this item be continued to the next meeting since Mr. Capobianco is not present this evening and he requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

- Perkins Ave. purchasing of homes – how many?

Mr. Mason stated that five homes have been purchased and one in negotiations.

- Demolition of home on Perkins Ave.

Mr. Mason stated that date is set for August 28th for three homes.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees