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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, October 17 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 Paul H. Archetto
 Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
 Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
 Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
 Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
 Robert Strom, Finance Director
 Roy Damiano, City Council Internal Auditor
 Maria Medeiros Wall, JD, City Clerk
 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
 Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, 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:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:

Vision Appraisal – Follow up report from Administration on new home inspection procedure Councilman Stycos (Cont.)

No discussion was held.

9-13-01 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.92 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (Tax Incentive Reform Commercial Five Year) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-13-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3.96 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (Tax Incentive Reform Commercial Ten Year) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-13-03 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3.96 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (Tax Incentive Reform Industrial Five Year) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-13-04 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3.88 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (Tax Incentive Reform Industrial Ten Year) [\[click to view\]](#)

Councilman Santamaria asked that the above four Ordinances be continued to the next meeting in order for the Council attorney can review questions he has regarding these Ordinances and he also has some amendments he would like made.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to continue the above four Ordinances. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Abatements.

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Lee indicated to page 1 and questioned the abatement for 79 Gladstone St. why the large abatement and also what the reason for abatement for 2206 Broad St. is. Mr. Strom stated that he will have to check into this. He does not have an answer and the City Assessor is on vacation until October 29th and the City Council meeting is October 28th.

Chair asked if we would be violating any State Law if these two Abatements were not acted on this evening. Mr. Quinlan stated that he would have to research this. Mr. Strom indicated that most of the time, it is not just real estate involved in an abatement, it is also tangible.

Council President Lanni stated that out of abundance of caution, these two Abatements not be approved this evening.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements except for # 1 & 4 on page one of the list (79 Gladstone St. and 2206 Broad St.). 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 above list Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

IBPO, Local 301 Collective Bargaining Negotiations 2012 – 2013 and
2013 – 2016 update

No Executive Session was held.

**10-13-1S Ordinance ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers) Contract,
Local Union 301 (FY 2012-2013).** [\[click to view\]](#)

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

**10-13-2S Ordinance ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers) Contract,
Local Union 301 (FY 2013-2016).** [\[click to view\]](#)

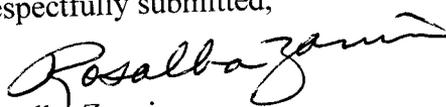
On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to table this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Santamaria asked if Executive Session will be held on Ordinances 10-13-1S and 10-13-2S prior to the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Lopez stated that the Administration's intent is to update the Council in Executive Session prior to the next Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees