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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, January 6, 2014, 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  
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto (appeared at 6:50 P.M.)  
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee  
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio  
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Steven Stycos  
Councilman Donald Botts  
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
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 Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Robin Coia**, 4 Franconia Dr., appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 10-13-1 and referred to a petition she circulated in 2009 of people in favor of a dog park in the City. She stated that as to the expense issue, this is not an issue. There could be fundraisers and as to the maintenance of the park, this will be a fenced in field and dog owners are very responsible in picking up after their dogs. She also stated that she knows of a lot of people who would be willing to step forward in helping with this project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Storm water utility districts** Update from administration on feasibility. (Councilman Stycos) (Cont. from 8/5/2013 for presentation by engineering firm regarding Phase I feasibility study).

**Mr. Cordy** stated that the Public Works Director is out of the Country and left him with information for the Committee, but he neglected to take that information with him this evening. He will forward it to the Council tomorrow.

**Councilman Stycos** asked that update on this issue be given bi-monthly.

**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).

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

**RIRRC Appeal of DPW Director's Decision on RIRRC's Petition for Review of Modification to Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit #1808.** (Cont. 11/4/2013). [\[click to view\]](#)

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated that this is still in litigation.

**10-13-01 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12.20 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Parks and Recreational Facilities" (Dog Park).** Sponsored by Councilwoman Lee. (Cont. 11/4/2013 and 12/2/2013.). [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Under Discussion:

**Anthony Liberatore**, Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared to speak and stated that at the request of Councilwoman Lee, he did research on this issue and stated that the sand for grading would cost approximately \$1,200; fencing of 330 sq. ft. would cost approximately \$9,000. To do this the right way, it would cost approximately \$11,000.

**Council President Lanni** stated that \$11,000 is not a lot of money and it provides service for dog owners and he thinks this is a great idea.

**Councilman Santamaria** suggested to Councilwoman Lee to look to see if we could obtain grant money for this.

**Councilman Botts** stated that his main concern is he is not sure ninety feet is long enough for dogs to exercise.

**Mr. Liberatore** indicated that this location is not the only area that could be used. There are other locations in the City that could be looked at, but passing this Ordinance is a good start to move forward.

**Council Vice-President Farina** suggested removing the location of the Municipal Complex from the Ordinance. City Clerk indicated that the location stated in the Ordinance is not in the proposed Ordinance. It is just a proposed amendment that if the Committee wishes to approve, it would have to be voted on.

**Council President Lanni** stated that this has been going on for five years. To delay this again would be counterproductive.

**Mr. Liberatore** stated that by approving this Ordinance without a location, would allow the City to keep looking a location for the next few months. Come March or April, we will have a location.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**National Grid Pole and Verizon Joint Pole Location Request: Sharpe Drive.** [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees