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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, February 3, 2014, 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 Chairman.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto (arrived at 7:05 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 Donald Botts
Councilman Steven Stycos
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lanni, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

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, 1/6/2014). [[click here to view](#)]

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Dec. 7, 2012 Appeal of Fine Notice dated Aug. 15, 2012. (Cont. 6/3/2013, 1/6/2014). [[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, 1/6/2014). [[click to view](#)]

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this is still in litigation and asked that the above three items be kept on the agenda.

Councilman Santamaria asked if the Council could be given an update of the lawsuit of illegal tie-ins at the landfill. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this is pending in the Court at this time.

Councilman Santamaria stated that he would like to have an Executive Session when there is more information. Chair asked that Council President Lanni place this item on the next Council docket and hold an Executive Session for an update regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1-14-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8, Chapter 12, Sections 090, 110 and 121 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Health and Safety" (Garbage Collection and Disposal). [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Mason appeared to speak and explain this Ordinance and referred to his email, which is attached to the Ordinance.

Chair asked when roll out dates will be. Mr. Mason stated that proposed roll out date will be middle of June, which should take approximately two to three weeks and the automated system should begin in the beginning of July. The bins will be the property of the City with a ten year warranty. If the bin gets damaged, it would be at the cost of the homeowner to replace it.

Council President Lanni who would be responsible for replacing the bin if it is stolen or lost. Mr. Mason stated that it would be the homeowners' responsibility. The bins will be tagged with the address it is registered to. They will also be labeled "City of Cranston".

Councilman Botts asked if the homeowner would be able to stencil the address on the bins. Mr. Mason stated that the policy for doing that has not been discussed, but he would not like to see that.

Councilman Stycos questioned why it was decided to go with the 65 gallon bins rather than the 95 gallon. Mr. Mason stated that that was at the recommendation of Resource Recovery and Waste Management.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio asked how the people will be able to dispose of the bins they have now. Mr. Mason stated that, per Waste Management, the City will be setting up drop off points in the City for people to drop off the plastic recycling bins. Other trash bins, he suggested they be used for yard waste.

Council President Lanni asked what the replacement cost for the bins would be. Mr. Mason stated, approximately \$60 per bin.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 6-0. Council Majority Leader Archetto abstained, since he arrived late.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Santamaria stated that at the last Council meeting, he indicated that there is yard waste out throughout the City and is not being picked up. He thanked Mr. Cordy and Mr. Barone for explaining that Waste Management charges extra to pick up yard waste after the scheduled pickup dates ends. He suggested finding a way to get word out to the public that yard waste will only be picked up at certain time during the year.

Councilman Stycos suggested using the back of the Mayor's annual tax letter explaining the yard waste pickup dates and also information on the new bins.

Mr. Mason stated that as part of the contract with Waste Management, we will be having a series of three separate mailings, at the cost of Waste Management, to each property owner explaining the new roll out bins.

Councilman Aceto asked if a homeowner wants extra bin, could they obtain one for 65 gallon. Mr. Mason stated that the property owner can purchase an additional one bin from Waste Management for \$150 per year for the bin and for the pickup of that additional bin.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees