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## **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto, Chair  
Councilman Mario Aceto  
Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.  
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.  
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio  
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Robert Strom, Finance Director  
Anthony Moretti, City Council Internal Auditor  
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee  
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 last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

## CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

**Knight Farm:** Discussion of development of rustic walking trail on city owned property.  
Councilman Stycos

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he met with the Planning Director this afternoon regarding this and there will be a follow-up meeting in the Spring and everyone is invited to attend.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**8-13-08 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – East side of Power Road).** Petition by Crown Holdings II, LLC. (Cont. 10/17/2013 & 11/14/2013, 12/5/2013 and 1/16/2014 at request of applicant). [\[click to view\]](#)

**Mr. Cordy** stated that the City has not received any correspondence from the owner on whether they are prepared to proceed or when they will be prepared to proceed.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to remove this Ordinance from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution proposing amendment to Section 3.19 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and directing the Secretary of State to place on the ballot the following as a Referendum Question (Non-Interference in Administrative Matters).** [\[click to view\]](#).

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to continue this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution proposing amendment to Section 14.01 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and directing the Secretary of State to place on the ballot the following as a Referendum Question (Director of Personnel-Abolish Position).** [\[click to view\]](#)

**Councilman Stycos** motioned to recommend approval of this Resolution. Council Vice-President Farina seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Stycos** stated that we have to do something to address this issue, this may not be the solution, but he feels we have to do something.

**Councilman Aceto** stated that by un-classifying this position, may solve the problem.

**Council Minority Leader Archetto** stated that Councilman Aceto is correct that declassifying this position may solve the problem, so the Mayor can have the authority to designate how much time the Director has to spend on a certain project.

**Council President Lanni** stated that the problem with the past Director was she had no one to answer to because she was classified.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to continue this Resolution and before the next meeting, Solicitor Kirshenbaum to draft a substitute Resolution making this position unclassified and making this position an appointment of the Mayor with the Advice and Consent of the Council.

Under Discussion:

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated that he will work with Patrick Quinlan, the Council Legal Counsel, on this draft.

Roll call was taken on the above motion and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees