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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on April 7, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Dina Marlow, 13 Chandler St., Providence, Vice-President of Ronald Gill Memorial Foundation and teacher at Cranston High School West, appeared to speak in favor of "Resolution Authorizing the City of Cranston Public Works Department to Designate the Commemorative Name "PS3 RONALD A. GILL, JR. WAY" on Jordan Avenue Street Signs".

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to suspend the Rules in order to vote on this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ciba Geigy site- quarterly Administrative update

Mr. Cordy stated that he is not sure what update Councilman Stycos is looking for. Councilman Stycos stated that he is looking for the status of the cleanup. Mr. Cordy stated that this is between the property owner and D.E.M. and as of this date, he has received no update from D.E.M.

Councilman Stycos asked that this item be kept on the agenda and asked that it be listed as "BASF" and not Ciba Geigy.

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). (Cont. 1/6/2014).

Mr. Cordy stated that draft of Phase I is available for review on the City's website under Public Works.

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 & 2/3/2014). [\[click here to view\]](#)

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Dec. 7, 2012 Appeal of Fine Notice dated Aug. 15, 2012. (Cont. 6/3/2013, 1/6/2014 & 2/3/2014). [\[click here to view\]](#)

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 & 2/3/2014). [\[click to view\]](#)

Solicitor Kirshenbaum suggested that once the Budget process is over, he would like to schedule an Executive Session regarding the above items in regards to RIRRC and asked that they be continued.

- **Update regarding Atwood Ave. traffic signal (Councilman Santamaria)**

Councilman Santamaria stated that work is already started with lines being drawn and this item can be removed from the agenda.

- **Update regarding Fletcher Ave. Floodwall (Councilman Santamaria)**

Councilman Santamaria stated that he has already received an update regarding this item and it can be removed from the agenda.

- **Update regarding Tree Planting Program (Councilman Stycos)**

Mr. Barone stated that he spoke to RI Tree Council and they are in the process of preparing an MOU. The Administration and the Law Department will review it and approve it and then the funding would be made available.

- **Report of construction at Plainfield Pike and Atwood Ave. (Councilman Santamaria)**

Mr. Barone stated that, per his discussion with the Public Works Director, this coincides with the Walnut Grove project and this item can be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Authorizing the City of Cranston Public Works Department to Designate the Commemorative Name “PS3 RONALD A. GILL, JR. WAY” on Jordan Avenue Street Signs. Councilman Favicchio and Botts Jr. [\[click to view\]](#)

This Resolution was discussed and voted on at the beginning of the meeting.

575 Natick Ave. Flooding due to new Driveway (Chairman Aceto)

Mr. Barone stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the Engineer and owners to see what has to be done. Permit was granted and everything was inspected.

Wilbur Ave. Flooding Dirt and Drain Clean up Schedule (Chairman Aceto)

Councilman Aceto asked if the Public Works Director knows when the drains will be cleaned. Mr. Barone stated that this is scheduled within the next few weeks. Councilman Aceto asked that the Public Works Director attempt to obtain a schedule from the State regarding this issue.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked when the new barrels for the new trash pickup system will be sent to the constituents. Mr. Barone stated that the first letter was sent out last week asking the constituents to make their choice on the size of the barrel. In the beginning or middle of June the new barrels will be delivered.

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked if the City’s Highway trucks are filling potholes. Mr. Barone stated that they are between cleaning storm drains and filing potholes and sink holes.

Councilman Aceto asked if there are any procedures for constituents if their sidewalks are damaged by plows during the winter. Mr. Barone stated that they can either file a claim or contact the Highway Department.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees