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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on August 4, 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  
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto  
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio  
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven Stycos  
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Ron Ronzio, Stenographer

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Closing portion of Peveril Rd.** (Chair)

**Mr. Barone** stated that he will have to speak to the Traffic Officer in regards to trying to install traffic devices before closing the road.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- **Councilman Stycos questioned the status of the Vortex Machine at Stillhouse Cove**

**Mr. Barone** stated that he has a call into the Public Works Department to find out the status of this. He has no information at this time. He will e-mail the Chair as soon as he has information.

- **Councilman Stycos questioned the status of Signage Department and the position to be filled**

**Mr. Cordy** stated that a list has been established and this position should be filled by next week and the technician who was out is back to work so we would have no problems with making signs.

- **Councilman Stycos - Springwood Rd. & Pawtuxet Village** – “No Through Trucks” signs needed.
- **Councilman Stycos - Corner of Pontiac Ave. & Welfare Ave.** – “No Parking to Corner” sign needed.
- **Councilman Stycos - Sharon St.** – “Do Not Enter” and “One-Way” signs needed.

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that at the last meeting, he asked regarding recycling trucks not going down narrow streets and one-way streets. He asked what the status is on this. Mr. Barone stated that as to one-way streets, Waste Management sends a truck which is able to go down a one-way street.

**Councilman Stycos** asked what the status is on the two year project to getting a City Tree Planting Program going. Mr. Barone stated that Rhode Island Tree Council is not interested because the amount of trees that we want to purchase is not enough. Councilman Stycos asked that the Administration put this out to bid.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that Barbara Rubine e-mailed Public Works Department regarding a number of trash issues. He asked what the status is on this. Mr. Barone stated that he has not seen this e-mail. He asked that Ms. Rubine be told to send this e-mail to him and he will look into this.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked what the policy is on switching size of trash bins. Mr. Barone stated that the constituent has to pay \$25 fee to Waste Management to switch size of bins.

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that Salem Ave. was just paved within the last year and there are stripes on the road. Highway has indicated to him that this means dig safe. He stated that this street is a City street and any proposed work should have been done before it was paved. He also stated that there have been no permits taken out. He asked that the Administration find out what the plans are.

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that there are business banners all over the City. He asked that the Administration find out from the Building Inspector, in a report form, what the charge is for the banners. He asked for a list of businesses that have signs that are not paying for them. He also stated that he is looking at getting information on the enforcement of this.

**Councilman Santamaria** questioned the status of the unsafe telephone pole on Bolton Street. Mr. Barone stated that he will follow-up on this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees