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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, August 14, 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
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee, Vice-Chair (arrived at 6:15 P.M.)
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina (arrived at 6:15 P.M.)
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee
Shelly Deming, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

4-14-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (Overnight Parking Permits).
[\[click to view\]](#) (Cont. 6/12/2014 & 7/17/2014).

Councilman Aceto asked that this Ordinance be continued for one more month.

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

3-14-02 Ordinance authorizing the City to waive any and all rights with respect to property, specifically, a portion of Assessor's Plat 16-4, Lot 183. (New London Avenue). [[click to view](#)] (Cont. 6/12/2014 & 7/17/2014).

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Cordy stated that this Ordinance is in the process of getting Zoning Change approval and is in the Planning Department and should be continued.

Councilman Stycos asked that if Carpionato wants this Ordinance passed, the City needs to put more pressure on them in the planting of the remaining trees that were promised since planting season is approaching.

Motion to recommend approval and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

7-14-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 6 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Animals" (Roosters). [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Councilman Botts, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Botts stated that the reason he introduced this Ordinance is because a constituent visited his home with a complaint of a neighbor who has a rooster and is causing noise problems. Councilman Botts indicated that there is no provision in the Code addressing roosters and by passing this Ordinance, it would give Animal Control the authority to address complaints.

Council Majority Leader Archetto stated that there is no one in the audience present in favor of this Ordinance as there were members of the public opposed to the chicken Ordinance last year. For this reason, he will not support this Ordinance.

Councilman Botts provided copies of a newspaper article from the Town of Carlisle where a person poisoned chickens and roosters. He is concerned about people taking matters into their own hands.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion failed on a vote of 3-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Botts and Council President Lanni -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilwoman Lee, Council Vice-President Farina and Councilman Aceto -4.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Aceto asked that Mr. Cordy provide report to the Public Works Committee and the Flood Committee of areas that were flooded during the August 13, 2014 storm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees