

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, September 11, 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
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Anthony Moretti, City Council Internal Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee
Tracy Sheperd, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Richard Tomlins, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak and stated that this Committee should offer a moment of silence for the 3,000 people who perished on September 11, 2001, 13 years ago.

Chair asked for moment of silence.

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 & 8/14/2014).

Council Aceto asked that this Ordinance be withdrawn for a time for further studies and to re-introduce. No one objected.

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 & 8/14/2014).

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos suggested that this Ordinance be withdrawn for now due to questions by constituents regarding the status.

Council President Lanni stated that the reason for continuing this Ordinance is there are still ongoing negotiations with D.E.M. for the easement change. This should be settled by next month.

Councilman Stycos asked if it's possible to indicate on the agenda when the Administration is ready to proceed on this Ordinance so the constituents will know. City Clerk stated that she will check with the Administration prior to send the agenda out next month on whether they are ready to proceed and it will be indicated on the agenda.

Motion to continue this Ordinance passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

08-14-1 Ordinance Renewal of lease for the Pastore Center to the YMCA [\[click to view\]](#)

Chair stated that this Ordinance will be transferred to the Finance Committee.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to transfer this Ordinance to the Finance Committee for hearing.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto asked if we are violating Open Meetings since this Ordinance is being heard by the Finance Committee. City Clerk stated, no, this Ordinance was advertised for the Finance Committee, but placed on the Ordinance Committee agenda in error.

Councilman Aceto questioned if any rules are being violated by not having a Solicitor present. Mr. Cordy stated that there are two Solicitors in the building and he will locate them if the Committee wishes. Council Majority Leader Archetto asked that the Committee wait for a Solicitor to arrive.

The meeting recessed at 6:20 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

Solicitor Rawson appeared to speak and indicated that there is no violation of Open Meetings by transferring this Ordinance to the Finance Committee. He stated that the motion made to transfer this Ordinance to the Finance Committee is appropriate since it was advertised for the Finance Committee.

Roll call was taken on motion to transfer this Ordinance to the Finance Committee and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees