

(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).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Monday, November 10, 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
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council Majority Leader Archetto (arrived at 6:50 P.M.)
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Donald Botts
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

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 & 7/7/2014). [[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 & 7/7/2014). [[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 & 7/7/2014). [[click to view](#)]

Above items were discussed at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

***P J Keating review and discussion of blasting permit and procedures**

James Kelly, Site Manager, appeared to speak.

Chair asked who the residents should call with any concerns or complaints and what number. Mr. Kelly stated that they can contact him, but he is not sure of the phone number.

- **Update on possible closure of road connecting Castleton Estates to Comstock Parkway (Council Vice-President Farina)**

Thomas Perrotta, 530 Comstock Parkway, appeared to speak and stated that the neighbors have been trying to address this issue for years and nothing has been done. They have asked for a light, a stop sign at Verizon, with no avail. The accident that occurred recently, was the third in five years. Speed limit is 25 mph, no one goes 25 mph. He would like to know what can be done.

Mr. Barone stated that the City has installed speed limit signs and stop signs have been replaced. Wattage on the street lights has also been increased, at the request of the residents, and reflectors will be installed. The City is also planning to install chevron signs down the street. Police presence was increased for a time and 22 citations were issued, approximately 5-10 were for speeding and they were all from local residents from that area.

Councilman Santamaria asked if we have a City-wide plan to address speeding in the City. Mr. Barone stated, no, we do not. He can meet with the Colonel and see what can be done, but staffing could be an issue.

Mr. Barone indicated that the City is not 'not doing anything'. We have increased wattage in the lights, we have placed signs, we have installed chevron signs, all at the request of the area residents.

Chair stated that this item will be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting and see what progress can be made in the meantime. He also indicated that, by Charter, there is a Traffic Safety Commission that could be put into action, if needed.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio suggested a meeting be held with all the neighbors and have the Police Colonel attend to see if they can try to solve this issue as a neighborhood.

- **27 Fairway Drive – possible solution of easement which caused driveway to collapse twice (Councilman Santamaria)**

Mr. Barone stated that he has contacted the owner and has not heard back.

Councilman Santamaria asked that this item be continued.

10-14-08 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8.12 of the Code of the City of Cranston 2005, Entitled “Garbage, Rubbish, Etc.” (Trash Amnesty Dates)
[\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Majority Leader Archetto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that his concern is mattress issue and cost of disposing them.

Mr. Mason stated that up until this fiscal year, the City used to pick up mattresses on appointment basis. Last fiscal year, the City picked up 16,000 mattresses, at a cost of \$400,000 for mattresses and box springs.

Council President Lanni stated that we need to come up with a resolution on this because it will only get worse.

Council Majority Leader Archetto stated that he would like to add Labor Day as one of the dates for the amnesty and he suggested mattresses be omitted from the amnesty and add a drop off point for mattresses.

Council Vice-President Farina suggested having a sub-committee meet with the Administration to come up with a best plan for amnesty dates. Mr. Mason stated that a sub-committee meeting is a good idea because a lot of what is in the Ordinance cannot be done by Waste Management.

Council President Lanni stated that the at the November Council meeting, he will set up a sub-committee to address this issue.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum indicated that there is new legislation by the RI General Assembly regarding mattress recycling program.

Chair suggested passing this Ordinance for now and it can be amended later on.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that by passing this Ordinance we would be binding the City without knowing the costs.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for new pole location at East Hill Dr. [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

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On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Botts, Councilwoman Lee, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina (left meeting at 7:30 p.m.) and Council President Lanni; Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, I twas voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:35 P.M.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, I twas voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees