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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Anthony Moretti, City Council Internal Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

No minutes to be approved since there was no meeting in October.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

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] (matter to be continued per Solicitor Kirshenbaum)

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to continue this Ordinance to next month's meeting.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Cordy stated that Solicitor Kirshenbaum would like to address this Ordinance this evening and is running late. He asked that this Ordinance be taken up later on in the agenda.

Committee agreed to wait for Solicitor Kirshenbaum to arrive.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

9-14-07 Ordinance in Amend of Chapter 8.28 of the Code of the City of Cranston 2005, Entitled "Property Maintenance Standards" (Neglected Premises Violations Inspections Notice and Enforcement) [\[click to view\]](#)

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 Solicitor Kirshenbaum would like to address this Ordinance as well. He stated that Solicitor Kirshenbaum met with the Building Official and he indicated to Solicitor Kirshenbaum that he follows State Law.

Council President Lanni asked what parts of this Ordinance the Building Official does not follow State Law. Mr. Cordy stated that, unfortunately, he just arrived back from vacation and did not discuss this in detail with the Building Official, but speeding of the timeline is in the State Law and this is one of the areas that the Building Official follows State Law.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Botts, it was voted to continue this Ordinance until the next meeting and see if the Solicitor can look at the federal law and see if there are areas in the Ordinance that can be changed.

Councilman Stycos asked that the Solicitor be allowed to address this Ordinance when he arrives before it is continued.

Motion and second to continue were withdrawn.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum arrived and stated that he looked at this Ordinance today and discussed it with Solicitor Rawson and he is fine except where it conflicts with State Law.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto indicated that there are federally chartered banks with no local presence and he questioned the ability to serve them. He asked if this affects the Ordinance at all as far as standing. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that, generally, some banks have some presence in the State of Rhode Island.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

10-14-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Sharon and Holly 3 Way Stop). [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Under Discussion:

Council Majority Leader Archetto indicated that there is no traffic report. Mr. Cordy stated that he was not able to check with Mr. Barone today on the status of the Traffic Report, but there may be one. He will check into it.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Botts, Stycos, Aceto, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwoman Lee -1.

10-14-03 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Ch. 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Edgewood Ave. and Edge St. 4 Way Stop). [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Aceto, Stycos, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Botts -1.

10-14-04 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Ch. 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Wine St. – One Way Traffic between 2:00 – 3:00 pm Monday – Friday). [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Council President Lanni indicated that line #32 should state "northerly". Chair stated that this could be corrected as a scrivener's error.

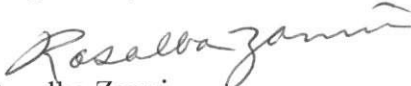
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Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this procedure is still pending at the State and asked that it be removed from the agenda and once it is ready to be voted on, it can be placed back on the agenda.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to remove this Ordinance from the agenda for the time being. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees