

(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 Finance Committee was held on December 1, 2014, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Paul H. Archetto
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
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 President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, 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:

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). [\[click to view\]](#)

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that we received notice from RIRRC that they are no longer in our system. He also stated that he can schedule an Executive Session at a future date if the Committee wishes.

Chair asked Committee members if we should wait until January.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that he does not think there is any rush to have an Executive Session since RIRRC is no longer in our system and we should wait until January.

Chair stated that the above items be continued to the next meeting.

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

Council Vice-President Farina stated that there was an article in the newspaper the other day regarding this issue and he asked for an update. Mr. Barone stated that he has no information on Castleton.

Council Vice-President Farina asked if there is an update on Comstock. Mr. Barone stated that police presence has been increased, installation of speed limit signs is being enforced and traffic calming trailer has been also installed.

Council President Lanni stated that establishing a Public Safety Commission should be looked into.

Chair stated that the Traffic Safety Committee is listed in the Charter and the Code and per the City Clerk, if you go by the Charter Section, the Mayor has to call it. If we go by the Code, the City Council can call it.

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

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

Under Discussion:

Chair stated that a Sub-Committee was formed at the last Council meeting to meet on December 18th and if anyone would like to attend they are welcomed, including the public. There will be other meetings in January.

Councilman Stycos stated that he thinks this needs a fiscal note.

Council Vice-President Farina suggested no action be taken regarding this Ordinance until the Sub-Committee meets.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Chair asked City Clerk to move the meeting to the Senior Center if the Chambers is not available for that evening.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Stadium Project – presentation by Ken Filarski, City Grant Writer**

Mr. Filarski appeared to speak and stated that what the Grant was for locker rooms at the Cranston Stadium. The Grant was submitted December, 2013. We applied for \$400,000 for 4,400 sq. ft. locker rooms. The proposal is an earth shell structure. The berm will be taken out to build the structure, which will have a green vegetative roof and will be low-maintenance. The whole project will cost approximately \$800,000, \$400,000 from the State and \$400,000 from the City.

Chair asked that this item be continued.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Brownsfields Grants

Councilman Stycos asked if any Grants were available and that the area at the end of Park View Blvd. be kept on the radar for cleanup. Mr. Cordy stated that he was not aware that this issue was going to be discussed this evening. He stated the area has been assessed, but does not think this would qualify for Grants because what Brownsfield Grants are looking for properties to mitigate.

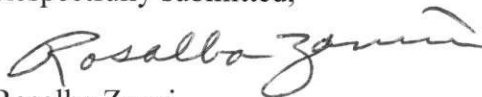
Chair asked that this item be added to January for an administrative update and he asked that Mr. LaPolla be present to discuss this.

Councilman Santamaria questioned why Mr. LaPolla did not return phone calls to D.E.M. regarding grants. Mr. Cordy stated that he has discussed this with Mr. LaPolla and he has indicated that he has not received any phone calls from Mr. Filarski. He also stated that Mr. LaPolla has been in touch with D.E.M. and we have applied for Brownsfield Grants over the years and all they do is evaluating.

Chair asked that both Mr. Filarski and Mr. LaPolla present at the next meeting to discuss this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees