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CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, January 12, 2015, 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 Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Mario Aceto
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Anna Marino, Claims Examiner
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING

Ruth Ferrazzano, 61 Twin Birch Dr., appeared to speak regarding flood she experienced on December 9th.

Dr. Judy Ferrazzano-Mazza, 61 Twin Birch Dr., appeared to speak on behalf of her parents, who also live at 61 Twin Birch Dr. She stated that the flooding that occurred on December 9, 2014 was due to consistent underground water flow and a nearby retention pond, which failed. She stated that at this point, all she and the other homeowners want is to find a way to stop the flooding and stop further damage to their properties.

Chair asked Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza if she filed a claim with the City. Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza stated, yes, last week.

Councilman Aceto asked Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza if she has any records that show the City inspections of sewer tie-ins. Mr. Ferrazzano-Mazza stated, yes. Councilman Aceto asked Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza where her property is tied into. Mr. Ferrazzano-Mazza stated, the City of Cranston.

Council Vice-President Santamaria stated that Mr. Mason is present and asked if the Committee can hear from him or if that should be done in Executive Session. Chair stated that it is part of Executive Session and the claims filed by the homeowners of this area are not on the agenda this evening. If the Committee wishes, Mr. Mason can address the Committee regarding this issue.

Mr. Mason stated that he is not aware that any of the older homes on Twin Birch Dr. are tied into the sewer.

Councilman Aceto asked how far Ms. Ferrazzano's home is from the retention pond that failed. Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza stated, approximately six lots away, 300-400 yards.

The following names of claimants and the nature of the claims were read into the record.

- **Introduction of new claims and review of pending claims:**

<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Date of Incident</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>
Hope Pilkington	10/8/2014	property damage
Kelly Amaral	08/30/2014	property damage
Gloria Arsenault	11/21/2014	property damage
Lucille Dottor	11/15/2014	personal injury
Michael Fantasia	12/1/2014	property damage
Theresa Wood	09/02/14	property damage
Police Vehicle 2598	12/14/2014	property damage
Patricia Pina	07/08/2013	personal injury

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

Report from Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works, regarding the 12/9/2014 backup on Twin Birch Dr.

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

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:20 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Chair, Council Vice-President Santamaria, Councilmen Stycos, Aceto, Council Majority Leader Archetto and Council President Lanni; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works; Anna Marino, Claims Examiner.

Hope Pilkington

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this claim for \$5,371.60. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Amaral

Ms. Marino stated that this claim is before the Committee for introduction. No action taken.

Gloria Arsenault

On motion by Council President Santamaria, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this claim for \$210.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Lucille Dottor

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to continue this claim for further information: who the insurance company was before and who it is now and reason for lapse and who is responsible for signing policies. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Fantasia

No action.

Theresa Wood

Ms. Marino stated that this item is listed on agenda in error.

No action taken.

Police Vehicle 2598

Ms. Marino stated that the cost for the City vehicle is \$14,717 and subrogation package is being reviewed by the claimant's insurance company and the City will be receiving money on that.

Patricia Pina

Ms. Marino stated that the Solicitor is handling this claim.

No action taken.

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees