

(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 January 12, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Vice-Chair
Councilman Michael J Farina
Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Robert Coupe, Incoming Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
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 Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, 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 he will be ready to give an update at the Council meeting within the next thirty days and an Executive Session can be scheduled.

Chair asked that these items be placed on the February agenda with an Executive Session.

- ***27 Fairway Drive – possible solution of easement which caused driveway to collapse twice (Councilman Santamaria) (Cont. 12/1/2014).***

Council Vice-President Santamaria asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

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) (Cont. 12/1/2014). [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Santamaria asked if there will be more meetings of the Trash Amnesty Sub-Committee. **Chair** stated that he does not think that those meetings have anything to do with this Ordinance.

Mr. Mason stated that at the last Trash Amnesty Sub-Committee meeting, he proposed the use of special prepaid bags for extra trash, which can be used as needed.

Council Vice-President Santamaria stated that at the last Trash Amnesty Sub-Committee meeting, he asked Mr. Mason to look at the possibility of the City using the Transfer Station on Pontiac Ave. for dumping of mattresses and large items. He asked if Mr. Mason checked into this. Mr. Mason stated that he checked into this and the Station is run by Waste Management at this time and the building is not Code compliant for a Transfer Station anymore. We would have to make this building up to Code and also staff this building. These would be extra costs.

Councilman Stycos questioned if we are looking at the extra bags program rather than the amnesty. Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated, no, the bags would be for weekly overflow, where the amnesty would be for bulky large items.

Councilman Farina stated that there still is no Fiscal Note for these amnesty days. The Fiscal Note would help determine the number of amnesty days. He asked if the Administration could provide an expected cost of how much one amnesty day would cost. Mr. Mason stated that he will work on that, but he does not think we could do an amnesty on a one week period.

Chair suggested that this Ordinance be continued and in the meantime hold another Trash Amnesty Sub-Committee meeting and we could go both routes, the prepaid bags and amnesty days and the Ordinance can be amended.

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Santamaria asked Mr. Mason to explain the prepaid bags program.

Mr. Mason stated that there would be an initial cost to the City of \$50,000 payable to Waste Zero for 169,000 bags. The bags would be sold in stores, such as Benny's and Durfees.

Councilman Stycos stated that since this would need a Fiscal Note, he suggested holding off on implementing this program at this time.

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

- ***Stadium Project –up date by Council Grant Writer, Ken Filarski***

Council Vice-President Santamaria stated that this item be removed from the agenda.

- ***Park View Blvd. (field at end of street) Administrative update by Mr. LaPolla, Planning Director***

Mr. Cordy stated that the Planning Director was not sure what the Committee is looking for. He assumed it had to do with round two of Brownfield Phase II which gave a figure of .1.5 to 2 million for clean up and he will provide a report.

Councilman Stycos stated that Perkins Avenue was also discussed and there is interest in planting trees at end of Perkins. With the houses gone trees are needed to keep out invasive plants. **Mr. Cordy** stated that he would pass that on to Mr. Lapolla.

NEW BUSINESS:

Petition for Abandonment of a portion of Malvern St. Application submitted by Charles Caruso. [click to view] Review for Institution of Proceedings. [click to view Planning Dept. recommendation]

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Santamaria, it was voted to institute proceedings.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos stated tht he has no problem with the business that exists there now but they are using two other lots which are not properly zoned. He is conce4rned that the two small lots, if abandoned and merged the use could be changed then we have one large lot in a residential area.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve instituting proceedings such to the review of the usage of all parcels associated with the abandonment.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to approve instituting proceedings with the request that the applicant provide the intended use of the property, and administration to provide a status report of any zoning or building code violations on the adjacent property which abut the proposed abandonment. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Stycos asked Solicitor to look at whether the land could be leased to the applicant or look at other options. Assistant City Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated he will look into the leasing of the land and retaining he separate lots.

Petition from National Grid and Verizon for Joint Pole Location at Lippitt Ave. [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this petition. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees