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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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 Chair.

Present Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Chair
 Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto (appeared at 6:40 P.M.)
 Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
 Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
 Councilman Mario Aceto
 Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Council Vice-President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
 Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
 Robert Coupe, Incoming Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
 Michael Glucksman, Assistant City Solicitor
 Robert Strom, Finance Director
 Anthony Moretti, City Council Internal Auditor
 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 Aceto, seconded by Councilman Botts, 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:

Chair stated that Councilman Farina is returning from a business trip in New York and will not be attending this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

11-14-01 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.04 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Fiscal Provisions" (Ordinance Fiscal Notes). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos. [\[click to view\]](#)

Chair stated that he met with Paul Valletta regarding this and there were good discussions and made progress, but would like more discussions on this and also the opportunity to meet with the Finance Director. He asked that this Ordinance be continued.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Jacob, Cranston Police Department Disability Request Solicitor's recommendation as to procedure for reconsideration.

Chair stated that he was contacted by Mr. Jacob who feels that he should have been placed on a disability pension given the information that he has, and he wanted to resolve this without a law suit. I spoke with both Pat and Evan and asked that they look into this; however, the solicitor hasn't had an opportunity to because he has been working on the Patalano matter. He asked that this item be continued.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto asked if this has ever happened before because this person has been retired for approximately twelve years and under what pension did he retire, State or City. These questions should be checked into by Solicitor Kirshenbaum and Mr. Quinlan. Mr. Strom stated that Mr. Jacob is under the City pension.

Council President Lanni stated that he received a letter from a Mr. Aubin, retired former Police Dept., claiming that his pension wasn't handled correctly and asking the Council to look into his pension again. Council President asked that this also be looked into.

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

- **Real Estate Tax Abatements** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Tax Assessment Board of Review Decisions assessed as of December 31, 2013.**
(For Information Only) [[click to view](#)]

No action needed.

- **Tax Interest Waiver Approvals** [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Tax Interest Waiver Denials** [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Denial.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Santamaria questioned why this request was denied. Mr. Strom stated that he does not have an answer this evening, but can provide one for the Council meeting.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of the above Tax Interest Waiver Denial and motion passed unanimously.

Chair stated that last month, the Council passed an Ordinance eliminating Tangible Tax for businesses under \$5,000. He asked if these businesses will be notified of this. Mr. Strom stated that he will bring this to the Tax Assessor's attention and have a letter sent out, although it will be reflected in their tax bill.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees