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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio, Chair  
Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair  
(arrived at 6:20 P.M.)  
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto (arrived at 6:30 P.M.)  
Councilman Mario Aceto  
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Michael J Farina  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
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 President Lanni, 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**

**Vincent D'Ambra**, 16 Marlborough St., appeared to speak and stated that Council Majority Leader Archetto advised him to re-submit his claim that was denied last year by the Claims Committee. He stated that there are three streets in his neighborhood that get flooded and affects hundreds of people and the City is aware of this situation. He also stated that he filed his claim late after he spoke to his neighbor, who owns Stadium Pub, who also blew his car engine due to flooding and advised him that he was paid 100% by Allan, meaning the Mayor.

**Ms. Marino** stated that she has researched the City's records and found no record of a check being written to Mr. D'Ambra's neighbor.

**Mr. D'Ambra** stated that his neighbor was paid, from what account he does not know, so he feels he should be paid also.

**Andy Levin**, 88 Twin Birch Dr., appeared to speak regarding a claim he filed in regards to his home being flooded from a pipe that was crushed.

**Dr. Judy Ferrazzano-Mazza** appeared to speak and represent her mom, who owns 61 Twin Birch Dr., and had a flood due to a pipe that was crushed. She stated that fixing the pipe and fixing the damage is not a solution to the problem. This should be taken into consideration by the City.

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:**

<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Nature of Claim</b>
School Department	11/03/14	damaged projection screen
Isaac Anderson	01/16/15	vehicle damage
Fire Department Engine 4	05/31/14	vehicle damage
Matthew Schaffran	12/09/14	vehicle damage
Kathleen Melillo	01/24/15	vehicle damage
Parks & Recreation vehicle 1814	12/05/14	vehicle damage
Parks & Recreation vehicle 2557	12/16/14	vehicle damage
Parks & Recreation vehicle 14	01/12/15	vehicle damage
Edwin Molina	01/05/15	vehicle damage
Carlos Molina & Alvaro Gomez	01/05/15	personal injury
Police vehicle 2539	01/03/15	vehicle damage
Armenio & Elizabeth Cabrita	12/09/14	water damage to basement
Robert & Lauren Cook	12/09/14	water damage to basement
Andrew & Stacy Levin	12/09/14	water damage to basement
Keith A. Kotler	12/09/14	water damage to basement
Louis & Ruth Ferrazzano	12/09/14	water damage to basement

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

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 6:15 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Chair; Council Vice-President Santamaria, Vice-Chair; Council Majority Leader Archetto; Councilmen Aceto, Paplauskas and Council President Lanni, Councilman Farina; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Anna Marino, Claims Examiner; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

### **School Department**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Santamaria, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Isaac Anderson**

For introduction. No action taken.

### **Fire Department Engine 4**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Santamaria, it was voted to approve this claim for \$2,195. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Matthew Schaffran**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Santamaria, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Kathleen Melillo**

On agenda in error.

### **Parks & Recreation vehicle 1814**

For introduction. No action taken.

### **Parks & Recreation vehicle 2557**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for \$2,187.73. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Parks & Recreation vehicle 14**

No action taken.

### **Edwin Molina**

No action taken.

**Carlos Molina & Alvaro Gomez**

No action.

**Police vehicle 2539**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve \$2,149.65 to repair City vehicle. Motion passed unanimously.

**Armenio & Elizabeth Cabrera**

**Ms. Marino** stated that this claim is for \$26,662.02.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor for further action and research. Motion passed unanimously.

**Robert & Lauren Cook**

**Ms. Marino** stated that this claim is for \$10,781.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Andrew & Stacy Levin**

**Ms. Marino** stated that this claim is for \$23,596.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Keith A. Kotler**

**Ms. Marino** stated that this claim is for \$2,000, but this is not a definitive amount.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Louis & Ruth Ferrazzano**

**Ms. Marino** stated that claimant has provided a bill for engineering report to be done and claim is for \$15,434.60.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:45 P.M.

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

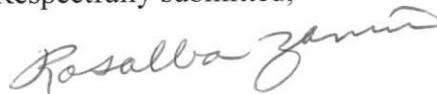
#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Ms. Marino** stated following claims were received and referred out:

- Claim of Fasulo Cierra for alleged incident on January 3, 2015 – denied and referred to National Grid Gas
- Claim of Bessie Sacco for alleged incident on December 29, 2014 – referred to State and Providence Water
- Letter from Rob Levine, Esq., for his client, Jennifer Fournier of alleged incident which occurred at LaSalle Square in Providence – referred back to Attorney Levine
- Claim of Andrew Alberino and Maria Valdez for alleged incident with School bus on 1/9/2015 – referred to School Department.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees