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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Monday, May 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 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: Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Jeffrey Barone, Constituent 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 Councilman Farina, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Anthony Liberatore, Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared to speak regarding "Resolution Requesting that the Mayor Direct the Recreation Department to Focus on Recreation Properties and Refrain From Servicing the Library System During the Summer Months" and asked that it be withdrawn. If the City Council wishes to help his department, he would appreciate it, but this is one thing he is good with.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 45- 46-5(a)(2) Pending litigation:

- **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 & 2/4/2015). [[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 & 2/4/2015). [[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 & 2/4/2015). [[click to view](#)]

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that these are still in litigation and there is no update at this time.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue the above three items. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

4-15-01 Ordinance in Amendment of Title 12, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, sidewalks and Public Places (Snow Removal Residential Age Exemption). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos. [[click to view](#)]

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos stated that this Ordinance increases the age from 55 to 62.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to amend this Ordinance as follows: line #29, after "disabled", add "or has a prior medical condition that would prevent him or her from shoveling snow". Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Requesting that the Mayor Direct the Recreation Department to Focus on Recreation Properties and Refrain From Servicing the Library System During the Summer Months. Sponsored by Councilman Archetto. [[click to view](#)]

This Resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution in Support of H-5594 and S-0741 Municipal Streetlight Investment Act. Sponsored by Councilman Aceto. [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Coupe stated that the Public Works Director has been in discussions with Prism and the Board of Contract and Purchase will vote tomorrow for approval to go forward with the first phase of the contract. Prism will analyze if beneficial to the City to participate in the program. He will have the following information for the City Council meeting: results of the Board of Contract and Purchase decision and find out how long the assessment will take.

Council Vice-President Santamaria asked why the title of the Resolution is requesting the Mayor. It should be asking the General Assembly to pass the two Bills.

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to amend this Resolution as follows: add as last paragraph the following language: "Respectfully request the General Assembly to pass H5594 and S0741 and certified copies be forwarded to the General Assembly". Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Whispering Pines (Ratify the Action)
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On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees