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CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, August 3, 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
Councilman Mario Aceto
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Michael J Farina
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 Majority Leader Archetto, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Judy Ferrazzano-Mazza appeared to speak and stated that at the last meeting, she had asked that her parent's claim be placed on this agenda for this evening and this did not happen. She requested that her parent's claim be placed on next month's agenda and be addressed. She indicated that her parents are trying to settle this amicably, if not, this could get very expensive if lawsuit is filed. She is asking that her parent's claim be treated similar to the other claimants on the street. Her parents have not been contacted by the City's Engineer, Larry Smith, or anyone from the City.

Councilman Aceto asked if there is an appeal process in place. Chair indicated that Larry Smith has been in Washington on a trial. He would rather consult with the Solicitor as to the appeal process. He is not sure of the status of this claim.

Councilman Aceto asked if a letter was sent to the Ferrazzanos. Ms. Marino stated that , originally, they received a denial letter two months ago. Past practice has been that if a claim is denied and a claimant presents new evidence, that claim is brought back to the Committee.

Ms. Ferrazzano-Mazza stated that the denial letter her parents received stated no reasons for the denial.

Ruth Ferrazzano appeared to speak and stated that she does not think the City has all the evidence and the engineer she has hired does.

Councilman Aceto asked if the Chair can schedule a meeting with the City's attorney and the claimant's consultant to see if they can come to some sort of resolution.

Chair stated that Solicitor Kirshenbaum wanted to do that, but he thinks this was not done because Larry Smith has been out of town. He will ask Solicitor Kirshenbaum to follow-up on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Claimant	Date of Incident	Nature of Claim
Zephor Hagopian	06/08/15	property damage
Christopher Henderson	06/19/15	vehicle damage
Joseph Benoit	07/07/15	vehicle damage
Amica Insurance for Abdul Banai	03/01/15	vehicle damage
Christopher Cipalone	04/08/15	vehicle damage
Lynne Pilderian	06/18/15	vehicle damage
Dimitri Salas	07/09/15	vehicle damage
Gazmend Rashiti	09/11/12	personal injury
Police vehicle 570	04/30/15	vehicle damage
Systems, Inc.	07/13/15	vehicle damage
Police vehicle 2542	07/19/15	vehicle damage

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

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, 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 6:35 P.M.

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

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

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:35 P.M.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session.

Zephor Hagopian

On motion by Council Majority Leader Archetto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Henderson

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this claim for $985.93. Motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Benoit

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for $1,071.66 and $968.72. Motion passed unanimously.

Amica Insurance for Abdul Banai

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for $2,650.73. Motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Cipalone

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this claim for $125.15. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynne Pilderian

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for $656.97. Motion passed unanimously.

Dimitri Salas

Ms. Marino stated that since claimant has not filed all the proper paperwork, no action should be taken at this time. No action taken.

Gazmend Rashiti

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Police vehicle 570

On motion by Council Majority Leader Archetto, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to continue this claim. Motion passed unanimously. No action taken.

Systems, Inc.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this claim for $1,154.95. Motion passed unanimously.

Police vehicle 2542

On motion by Council Majority Leader Archetto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for $2,764.85. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni

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Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees