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## **FLOOD COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by the Chair.

**Chair** stated that Council Minority Leader Favicchio will not be able to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment. He also stated that Councilman Aceto and Ms. Lee also cannot attend this meeting this evening.

Present: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto, Chair  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.  
Matthew Papino  
Nicholas Capobianco

Absent: Councilman Mario Aceto\  
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
Representative Robert Jacquard  
Michael Behm  
Brian Dupont  
Sarah Kales Lee

Also Present: Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Mr. Capobianco, 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** read Public Works Director Mason's memo regarding Fletcher Ave. buyout and funding and DOT's responsibility for State road catch basins cleaning.

**Council President Lanni** stated that his concern is what the conditions of the catch basins were at the apartment complex on Oaklawn Ave. We are looking back at the storm a few years ago on Oaklawn Ave. He just wants to know if the catch basins were cleaned and were they inspected and cleaned prior to that storm. That is a question for Mr. Mason and DOT.

**Chair** stated that there needs to be communication not only between Mr. Mason and DOT, but between DOT and the City Council and the Flood Committee of when RIDOT is in the City cleaning the catch basins.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- *Status of Fletcher Ave. Flood Wall – Buyout status and the funding (Chair)*

**Chair** asked that since Public Works Director Mason is not present this evening, this item will be continued.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Discussion of appointment of Martin Madden as new member to the Committee to replace one of the vacant positions formerly held by Mr. Behm and Mr. Dupont (Chair)*

**Chair** stated that he reviewed Mr. Madden's resume and does not have any objections appointment him to the Committee to replace Mr. Dupont.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Chair, it was voted to accept Mr. Madden's application as a member of this Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

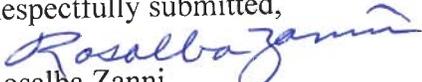
- *Discussion regarding letters sent to the Cranston Delegation regarding State's responsibility of cleaning catch basins in the City and schedule of when they are done (Chair)*

**Chair** asked if any Committee members feel there is a need to send letters to the Cranston Delegation. Council President Lanni stated that he would rather wait to speak to Mr. Mason and ask him about the schedules and when the schedules take place. Committee members agreed to continue this item.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees