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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was held on Monday, October 19, 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.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Tom Perotta, Vice-Chair
Fred Raisner
Mia Patriarca
Bert Carabitses
Albert Melikian
Joseph Polisena, Representing the Administration
Inspector Robert Santagata, Police Department

Absent: Christopher Edward Buonanno
Bernadetta Petrone
David Schiapo
Jonathan Keith

Also Present: Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Mr. Raisner, seconded by Mr. Carabitses, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ***Request by Committee Member Jonathan Keith – look into making sure that all crosswalks have written signs (Cont. 6/15/2015, 8/17/2015 & 9/21/2015)***

Mr. Polisena stated that due to the cost, this may not be able to get done.

Chair stated that he will let Mr. Keith know.

On motion by Mr. Perotta, seconded by Mr. Raisner, it was voted to remove this item from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Report from Administration on meeting with DOT regarding the Audit being conducted by DOT (Chair). (Cont. 8/17/2015 & 9/21/2015)***

Mr. Polisena stated that the City met with DOT on the 15th of October and this pilot program was discussed. The plan is to split the $1 million three ways with two other communities.

Chair asked if DOT indicate the streets that they are looking at. Mr. Polisena stated that it is on the City's part to come up with certain streets and after DOT will perform an assessment test. The purpose of this program is based on fatality and severity, not frequency of accidents. He asked if any of the Committee members have any streets they would like the Administration to consider.

Chair stated that there was a list that was compiled by this Committee, but he will provide this to Mr. Polisena.

Mr. Polisena stressed that this is a reimbursement program, where the City would put up the money and then get reimbursed.

Mr. Perotta asked if the State will pick their own list of streets that they feel fits their criteria once we provide this list. Mr. Polisena stated yes.

Mr. Carabitses asked if there is a deadline to get this information to the Administration. Mr. Polisena stated that it is not a rush because work would not start until next year.

Ms. Patriarca stated that when representatives from DOT met with this Committee, they indicated that this may encompass other federal money. This could be a platform to get extra money. If we are not able to address the hot spots through this program, maybe we can find another strategic plan to address these streets to make them safer for the residents.

Chair asked Inspector Santagata if the Police Department has a database that would contain a list of streets with fatalities in the last two years. Inspector Santagata stated that to his knowledge, there have been four to six a year, but he can provide this information.

Chair stated that the Committee can forward a list of the streets to the Police Department and they can go through their database and report back with a list of streets that may fall into the criteria for the State to look at. Inspector Santagata stated that the database will only tell how many incidents there were in the last two years and then you have to physically go through the reports to find out what streets they were on. If a list of the streets is provided, it would make it easier.

Chair asked that this item be continued to next month's meeting.

Mr. Carabitses asked where the City will be going to get their data from. Mr. Polisena stated that the City does not have a list at this time, but it reserves right to amend the list once this Committee provides it. The Administration will get their data from DOT.

Chair asked that Committee members forward their list of streets to the Clerk and she will forward that information to the Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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