

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio (appeared at 6:45 p.m.)
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Matthew Papino
Nicholas Capobianco
Marty Madden.

Absent: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Representative Robert Jacquard
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. Madden, 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:

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

Mr. Mason stated that there are twelve residential properties, which are eligible for buyout. Commercial properties are not eligible. The Planning Department held meetings in July and only three of the properties signed off on the willingness to participate in the buyout program. Assuming FEMA will approve this, FEMA would pay for 75% and the City would pay 25% of the cost for the buyout.

Mr. Capobianco asked what kind of evaluation would be given on the buyout. Mr. Mason stated that there would be three written appraisals and the owner would have to agree to the amount and certain moving expenses. This is not condemning the property.

Council President Lanni asked if we had to, could we go in and take properties for eminent domain. Mr. Mason stated that this would be a question for the Solicitor.

Mr. Papino stated that since this has not been discussed lately, he asked what the plans are for Fordson Ave. as to the buyout. Mr. Mason stated that he would have to discuss this with the Planning Director. He has never heard any discussion regarding taking properties on Fordson Ave. Mr. Papino stated that as Amanda Ct., Fletcher Ave. and Perkins Ave. move ahead, he asked that Fordson Ave. be part of the discussions at least for something to be done.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

- *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)*

Mr. Mason stated that he had a meeting with DOT and he met with Joe Bucci and discussed the maintenance and cleaning of the catch basins throughout the City and they stated that they would try to target us, especially Oaklawn Ave., Park Ave. and Reservoir Ave. and they committed to doing that. As to the Chairman's request of letters being sent to the Cranston Delegation, he drafted a letter and feels it would be more effective if the letter goes out on the Flood Commission's letterhead as a Committee.

Chair stated that since the Chair is not present this evening, he asked that this item be continued.

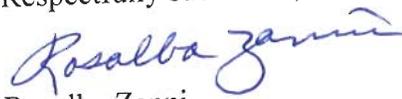
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Capobianco questioned if there is work being done on the apartment buildings on Oaklawn Ave. as to the piping put in the ground. Mr. Mason stated that his department does not know anything about this since it is on private property.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees