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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 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 Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto  
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio  
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff  
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
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:**

## OLD BUSINESS:

- *City's participation in Streetlight Investment Program (Cont. from 9/14/2015).*
- *Street Light Investment Program – Prism's full report*

**Mr. Mason** stated that he met again with Prism and National Grid regarding the actual buyout of the fixtures. We are ready to sign a notice of intent to purchase the fixtures from National Grid, but there are questions for Prism to which he is awaiting response.

**Chair** asked if there was a proposal for solar power lights. Mr. Mason stated not for street lights.

**Kenneth Filarski**, City Council Grant Writer, appeared to speak and stated that there was a Grant possibility for this with City taking over there is an ability to switch to LED street light which are more energy efficient. He presented a handout regarding this Grant.

**Chair** asked if we are going after that Grant. Mr. Mason stated, yes. There is \$525,000 available state wide with \$125,00 per city to qualified municipalities, that is one that has a purchase & sale agreement with National Grid. Mr. Mason stated there is also one with National Grid, and the City will be filing for both.

**Mr. Mason** stated that approximately 3 to 4 million for installation of LED, return on investment would be 4 to 6 years.

**Councilman Stycos** asked if the LED lights might not be too bright. Mr. Filarski stated that the LED lights are brighter and there have been complaints, but there is a savings. He stated there is also the options with the LED with the daylight being brighter.

**Mr. Mason** stated that Route 295 at exit 7 are all LED lights, and there are also LED lights on the corners of City Hall.

**Council President Lanni** asked what the savings would be. Mr. Mason stated that savings would be approximately \$700,000 per year. Council President Lanni stated that in reading the Prism report, which he was very impressed, it suggests dimming the lights at certain times, which would also be a savings.

- *Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Appeal dated November 21, 2012 from ruling dated November 5, 2012 on August 15, 2012 Fine Notice.* (Cont. 6/3/2015, 1/6/2014, 2/3/2014, 7/7/2014, 8/3/2014, 9/14/2015 & 10/5/2015).
- *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, 8/3/2015, 9/14/2015 & 10/5/2015).
- *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, 8/3/2015, 9/14/2015 & 10/5/2015).

**Chair** asked that the above three items be removed from the agenda until litigation is concluded and when needed, they be placed back on the agenda for either Public or Executive Session.

- **Administration to submit street paving list (Council Majority Leader Archetto (Cont. 10/5/2015)**
  - **list of roads that have been paved in the last five years. (Councilman Stycos)**
  - **top 100 worst streets in Cranston (Council President Lanni)**

**Chair** stated that the above was provided last month and they be removed from the agenda.

- **Macklin St. and Palmer Avenue Industrial area – Administrative report on violations and remedial action taken – Council President Lanni. (Cont. 10/5/2015).**

**Mr. Lopez** stated that there are no new reports or violations regarding this area. He stated that the Building Official has been at this site several times and there is nothing new to report.

**Council President Lanni** stated that he asked for detail report because he is not sure how many times the Building Official has been out to the area. He stated the following concerns that he asked be looked at:

- Cars for sale facing street - in excess of what is allowed one business is only to have 11 cars, did he check for limitations?
- Dirt piles
- Mechanical work being done in two bays facing residential area, which he does not know if that is a violation

He wants to know what they can or can't do. **Mr. Lopez** stated that he will personally go out to the area.

- **Update from Grant Writer, Mr. Filarski regarding spending source for Cross Alert System. (Cont. 10/5/2015).**

**Council Vice-President Santamaria** stated that the Traffic Safety Commission referred this item to this Committee.

**Mr. Filarski** stated that he met with the owner of Cross Alert, Ken Block, and toured the facility in Warwick. He stated that the units cost \$6,500 each and installation is rather simple. The cost for labor and materials is approximately \$600 to \$800. He believes these units are in approximately 43 States and they are solar powered. There is no Grant money available. The State would pay for units, installation and maintenance if they are on State roads and also if there are traffic studies in terms of accidents.

**Council Vice-President Santamaria** asked Mr. Mason if he could work on this with Mr. Filarski to try and get these units installed for -0- dollars.

On motion by Council Vice-President Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to start proceedings and have the Public Works Director and Mr. Filarski get this going. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Filarski** suggested that the City Council pass a Resolution requesting that the State install these units.

**Council Vice-President Santamaria** asked Mr. Filarski to forward the language for this Resolution to the City Clerk to be passed at the next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Princess Ave. from Cranston St. to Union Ave. – Administrative report on lack of street signs.  
(Council Majority Leader Archetto)***

**Mr. Mason** stated that work order has been issued. There are a total of 20 stop sign missing on Princess. This should be addressed in the next two to three weeks.

**Councilman Aceto** stated there are at least 6 signs missing on Orchard Valley. Mr. Mason said he would look into this and report back.

- ***War Memorial at Chaffee Complex***

**Anthony Liberatore**, Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared to speak and stated that he is looking for approval to have this memorial installed.

**Council Majority Leader Archetto** stated that if the City is not paying for this, he asked who is. Mr. Liberatore stated that the Blue Star Memorial Highway Program will be paying for this. The only thing the City has to supply is the huge flat surface rock and the Blue Star Memorial Highway Program will supply the plaque.

**Councilman Paplauskas** asked what the time frame is once this is approved. Mr. Liberatore stated that installation would be approximately in one month. The ceremony for it won't be until April.

**Council Majority Leader Archetto** asked who chose the site. Chair stated that he and Mr. Liberatore had some discussions on this, since it is his Ward.

**Chair** asked if the Administration has any objections to this. Mr. Lopez stated no.

***Request from National Grid for new pole location at Midway.***

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

***Petition for Abandonment of un-named right of way between 2398 and 2406 Cranston St.  
Petitioners: William and Marie Carcieri.***

**City Clerk** stated the process and steps for this abandonment: this evening, the Committee needs to make a motion to institute proceedings; petition will be advertised for public hearing; abutters are notified of the public hearing; Clerk's Office will solicit City Departments and utility companies for their recommendations.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to institute proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- **Council Vice-President Santamaria** stated that he has been receiving complaints of barrels on Scituate Ave. and Orchard Farms School and asked when they will be removed. Mr. Mason stated that the utility companies have been told to get this done before end of construction season.
- **Council Vice-President Santamaria** announced that construction on locker rooms at the Stadium will be starting in the Spring.
- **Council Vice-President Santamaria** asked that Council members forward the Assistant City Clerk list of hot spot streets in their Ward within the next week or two, before the Traffic Safety Commission meeting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Councilman Stycos** asked that an update be given at the next Council meeting regarding the new trash program and whether the recycling tipping fees are up or down. Chair asked that he would also like to know the cost of the tipping fees. **Mr. Mason** said they are proposing 32 -56 per ton, that is two years out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

*Presented by Ken Filastie  
Public Works Comm.  
11-2-15*



## **Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources Municipal LED Street light Energy Efficiency Incentives Terms and Conditions**

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) is pleased to announce the availability of **\$525,000.00** in financial incentives for qualified municipalities seeking to reduce their energy consumption and costs through the installation of light-emitting diode (LED) streetlights and control technologies.

Consistent with the State's *2014 Plan for the Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds* (the Plan), subsection 5.3.2.c, Ocean State municipalities may qualify for incentives to facilitate the installation of LED streetlights and control technology as part of the State of Rhode Island's "Lead by Example" Initiative.

The OER will make these funds available through enhanced incentives to qualified municipalities on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent on the availability of funding. These enhanced incentives are being offered in addition to any applicable National Grid-administered incentives and represent a unique project cost savings opportunity for first-movers and early adopters.

Through this opportunity, municipalities that have acquired their lighting equipment and plan to retrofit their existing streetlights to more energy efficient LED technologies can apply to receive \$0.40 per watt reduced for qualified LED fixtures and \$20.00 for each remotely-programmable dimming control installed (as applicable). A qualified municipality can receive a total award of up to \$105,000.00 in addition to any available National Grid-administered incentives.

### Eligibility Criteria

- A qualified municipality is one which has a fully executed agreement to purchase their streetlights from National Grid.

### Available Incentives

- OER will make a total of \$525,000.00 in State RGGI funds available through this program.
- A qualified municipality can receive enhanced incentives up to a total award amount of \$105,000, calculated based upon the number of eligible installed LED and/or controls.
- \$0.40 per watt reduced per LED fixture, calculated as existing system wattage minus LED wattage (please see calculation table below)
- \$20.00 for each remotely-programmable dimming control installed

### Qualified Products

- Incentives will apply only to National Grid-qualified equipment in order to leverage available funding sources.

2015 Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources Municipal LED Street Light Incentives  
Pre-Approval Agreement

- Incentives are available for the replacement or retrofit of an exterior High Intensity Discharge (HID) fixture with an LED fixture. The LED fixture must have a reduced input wattage of at least forty percent (40%) based on the nominal lamp wattage of the original fixture.

**Table: Calculation of Incentives**

HPS Wattage	System Wattage	LED Wattage (example)	Reduced Wattage	Incentives (example)
400	460	188	272	\$109
250	295	122	173	\$69
150	190	69	121	\$48
100	130	47	83	\$33
70	90	34	56	\$22
50	65	24	41	\$16

Application Process

- A qualified municipality must submit a completed “OER LED Incentives” application.
- Each application will be reviewed by OER staff, in consultation with National Grid. OER will review each application to ensure it meets all eligibility and other criteria.
- OER reserves the right to request additional information directly from the applicant prior to making its final award determination.
- If approved, OER will notify both the applicant and National Grid (electronically or in writing).
- Payment of the full RGGI-funded enhanced incentive will be made by National Grid to the applicant within thirty (30) days after installation post-inspection and verification.

Incentives offered through this program will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, and is contingent on funding availability. The OER – at its sole discretion – reserves the right to accept, reject, or request modifications to any application for reasons including, but not limited to, availability of funding and/or failure to meet all eligibility and other program criteria.

The OER reserves the right to modify or suspend this incentive program at its discretion. Utilization of and experience with this program may help inform similar OER funding opportunities in the future.

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Town Copy

PETITION OF THE NATIONAL GRID  
FOR POLE LOCATIONS

RECEIVED  
15 OCT 13 AM 10:22  
CRANSTON  
CITY CLERK

TO THE HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN COUNCIL  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ CRANSTON \_\_\_\_\_ RHODE ISLAND  
THE NATIONAL GRID

Respectfully asks permission to locate and maintain poles, wires and fixtures,  
including the necessary sustain and protecting fixtures to be owned by your  
petitioner along and across the following public ways:

**MIDWAY PROPOSE NEW SO POLE LOCATION**

Wherefore your petitioner request that they be granted locations for and permission to erect and  
maintain poles and wires together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find  
necessary, poles to be located in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: **19825830**

DATED 10/08/2015

Your petitioner agrees to reserve or provide space for one cross arm at  
a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, and telephone  
wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal  
purposes.

THE NATIONAL GRID

BY Christopher Montalto  
Christopher Montalto, Engineering AB

ORDER

The foregoing petition having been read it was voted that the consent of the

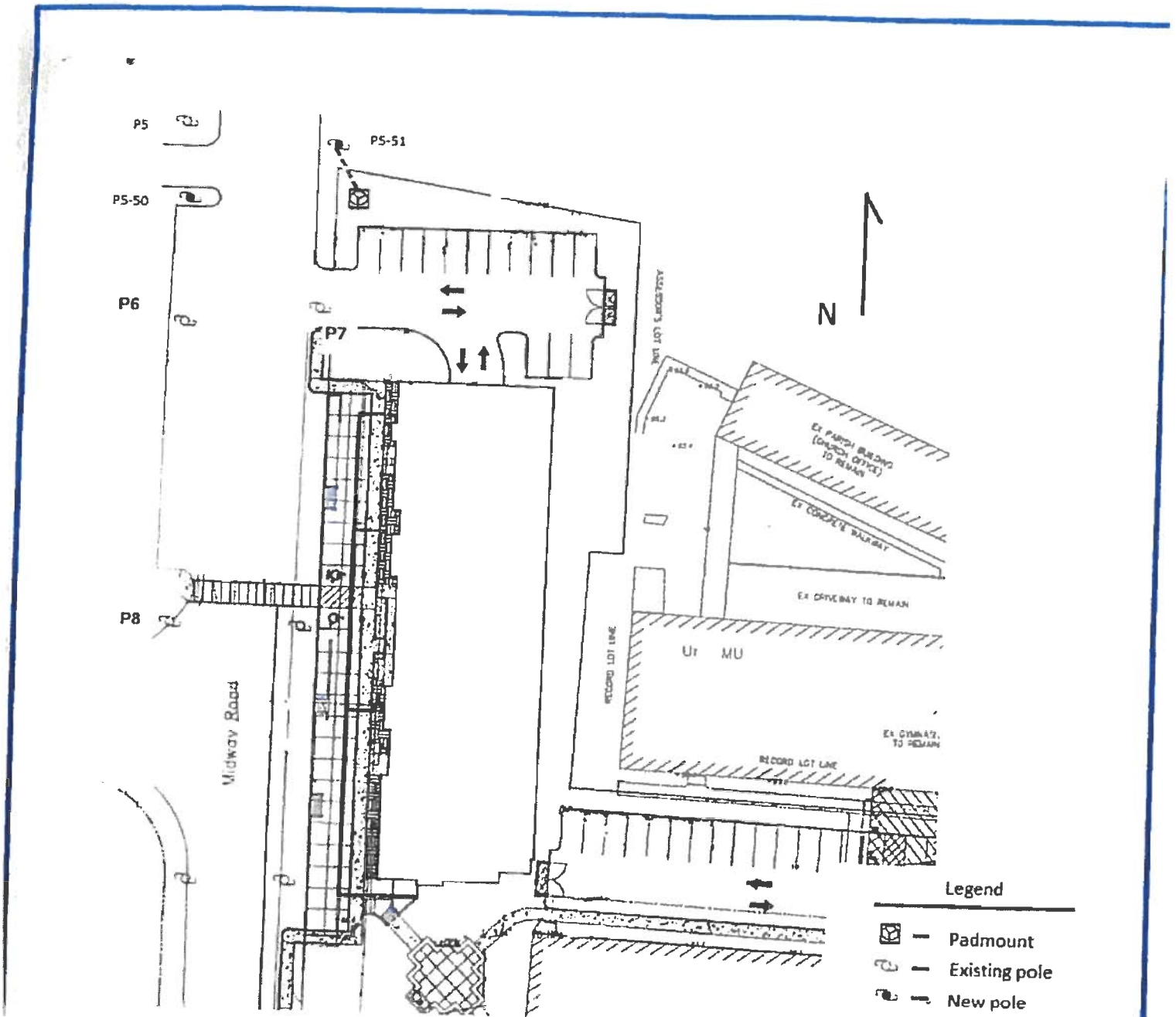
\_\_\_\_\_ for the use of public ways named for the purposes stated in said petition be and it hereby  
is granted----work to be done subject to the supervision at

A true copy of the vote at the Public Works Committee

Adopted 11/2/15 and recorded in Records Book# \_\_\_\_\_ Page# \_\_\_\_\_

Rosalba Zamora  
Asst. CLERK





125 MIDWAY

WR# 19825830

TO INSTALL New Poles 5-50 & 5-51

**POLE PETITION**

- Proposed NGRID Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Locations
- Proposed J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.
- Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

**nationalgrid**

Date: ... 10-8-15

Plan Number: ... 207317

To Accompany Petition Dated: ..

To The: ... CITY Of .. CRANSTON

For Proposed: .. Pole: .. Location: ..

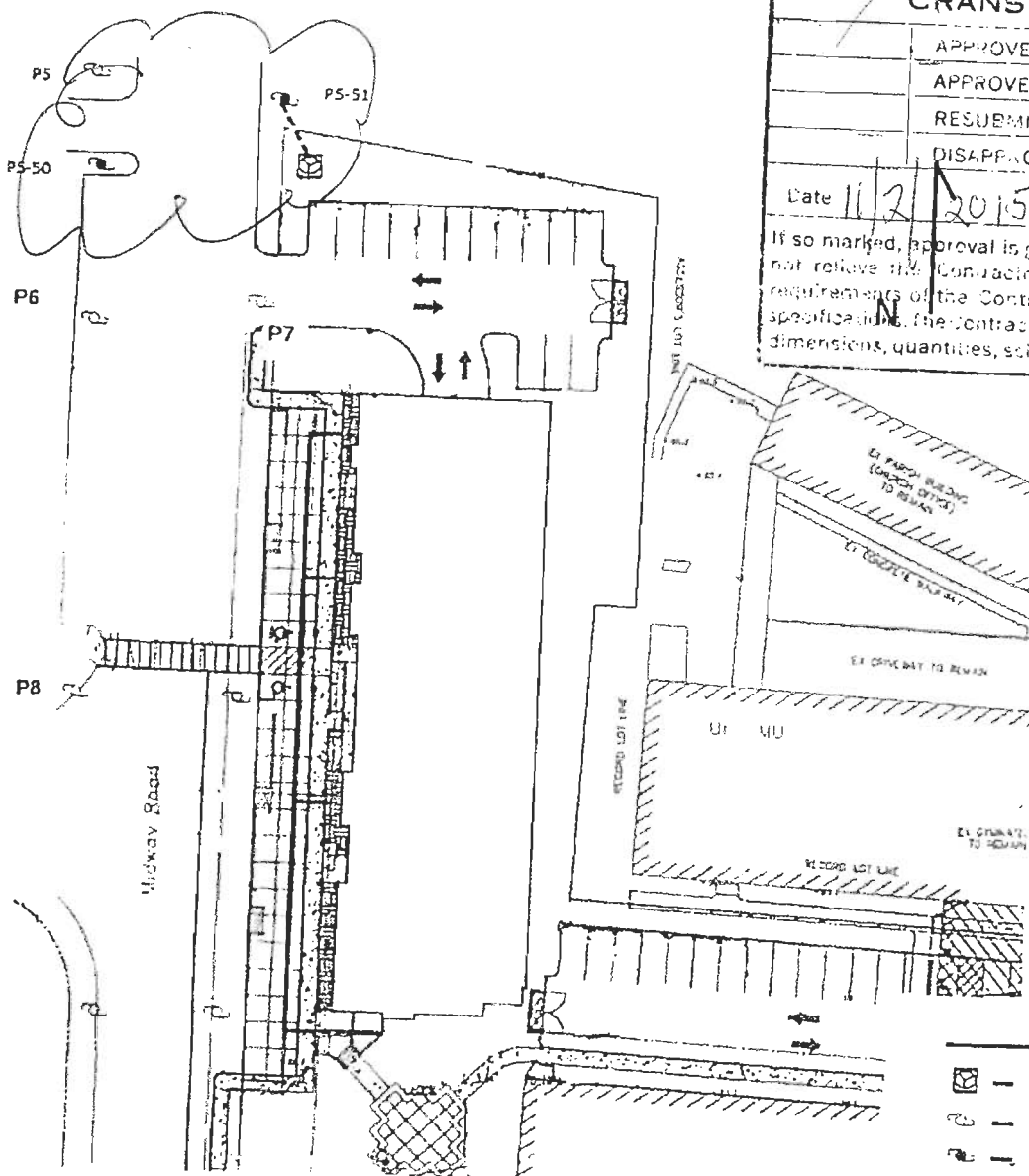
Date Of Original Grant: ...

**CITY OF CRANSTON  
ENGINEERING DIVISION  
CRANSTON, R. I.**

APPROVED  
APPROVED AS CORRECTED  
RESUBMIT FOR FINAL APPROVAL  
DISAPPROVED - RESUBMIT

Date 11/2/2015 By W. [Signature]

If so marked, approval is given for design only; it does not relieve the Contractor from complying with the requirements of the Contract, contract drawings, and specifications. The Contractor shall be responsible for all dimensions, quantities, schedules and field conditions.



125 MIDWAY  
WR# 19825830 TO INSTALL New Poles 5-50 & 5-51

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