

(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).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr.
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Council President Michael J Farina

Absent: Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
J. Patrick O'Neill, Asst. City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

1-17-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Overnight Parking Permits). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that this is still pending a traffic report. He would like to see a traffic report before this is implemented and he would like input from the Finance Department for possible impact.

City Clerk stated that she spoke to the Traffic Engineer today and he is waiting input from the Police Department before finishing his report.

Mr. Coupe stated that one thing he does not want to do is put our patrol officers looking down the street if one house has a permit and another one does not.

Councilman Archetto questioned what cities or towns in the State have this. Councilman Stycos stated that Providence has such a program. Councilman Archetto asked Councilman Stycos if he has spoken to Providence regarding this program and how it operates and maybe mirror their Ordinance. Councilman Stycos stated that he did not speak to anyone in Providence. This was written by Mr. Quinlan, former City Council Legal Counsel, approximately six years ago. Councilman Archetto noted that things change over the years.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 4-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio, Councilman Colford and Council President Farina -4. The following being recorded a voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1.

1-17-02 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Electronic Filing of Planning or Land Use Documents). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Colford, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that he understands the scope of this Ordinance, but is concerned of burden this puts on the small business community. He asked if Mr. Lapolla, City Planner, has come up with a plan to receive electronic documents. Mr. Coupe stated that the Planning Commission has a plan and a memo was distributed to the Council today and the Clerk is providing copies to the Committee members. He strongly urged the Committee to reject this Ordinance and if this Ordinance is passed, it will likely face a veto of the Mayor.

City Clerk indicated that even though this memo is dated March 9th, she did not receive it until this afternoon by Mr. Lapolla.

Council President Farina stated that he thinks the intent of the Ordinance is great, but he does not think the technology of the City is up to speed yet.

Councilman Stycos stated that the Council has all their agendas, Ordinances and other documents online. He thinks we are looking for excuses not to do this.

Mr. Coupe stated that there are times when a link on an agenda does not open. By passing this Ordinance, you are requiring this and there could be repercussions if the documents do not open.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion failed on a vote of 1-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Archetto -1. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio, Councilman Colford and Council President Farina -4.

1-17-05 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12.260 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" – One Way Streets Enumerated" (Cornell Street). Sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas.

Chair indicated that he is withdrawing this Ordinance at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

1-17-11 Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan of 2010 as amended 2012. Sponsored by Council President Farina. Referred to Ordinance Committee March 16, 2017. *Being Continued to April 13, 2017 – public comment at that time.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to continue this Ordinance to next month's meeting.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that the applicant has requested a continuance.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

2-17-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Ch. 4 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Penalty for Overnight Parking). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio. Referred to March 16, 2017 Ordinance Committee.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Matthew Smith, Municipal Court Chief Judge, appeared to speak and requested that he requested this Ordinance and after reviewing the issue, he was appointed Municipal Court Chief Judge. The way he looks at this issue is the people who show up at the Court as well as a revenue issue to the City.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

2-17-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Ch. 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Knight St. – Two Hour Parking). Sponsored by Councilman Lanni. Referred to March 16, 2017 Ordinance Committee.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance pending Traffic study. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees