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FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Matthew Papino
Marty Madden
Sarah Kales Lee

Absent: Councilman Mario Aceto
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.
Representative Robert Jacquard
Nicholas Capobianco

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Mr. Papino, 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 last update at the last meeting was there were three properties that had applied to FEMA for funding and were not approved. There was a second round of Grants available this Spring and one property has applied. Chair asked what that address is that has applied. Mr. Lapolla stated, 31 Fletcher Ave.

- *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 that this item be removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

No one appeared to speak from the public.

- *Mr. Lapolla, Planning Director, to address status of buyouts of properties on Amanda Ct. area* (Mr. Papino – 3/16/2016).

Mr. Lapolla stated that to date, we have received Grants to take seven homes. We have already taken three homes down. Mr. Papino questioned eligibility of those houses.

Ms. Lee asked if there is a match. Mr. Lapolla stated that as to FEMA, for every house we take, there is a 25% match.

- *Status of Sand Bags – how many are on hand* (Chair)

Mr. Mason stated that we have approximately 1,000 sand bags and ready to be deployed and approximately 3,000 empty bags.

- *Report from Mr. Mason of status of Cleaning of Catch Basins* (Chair)

Mr. Mason stated that the City has approximately 7,800 structures that we are responsible for. We inspect approximately half on a yearly basis and we clean approximately 600-700 catch basins per year. The Highway Department maintains a list of approximately 80-100 catch basins that we know are a problem and we check those when there is a storm coming to make sure they are not clogged.

Ms. Lee asked Mr. Mason if the number of storm drains he stated, includes State ones. Mr. Mason stated that it does not include any storm drains on State roads. The State cleans their own storm drains.

Mr. Papino asked for an update at the next meeting regarding NRCS revision for the Fordson Ave. neighborhood.

The next meeting will be held on September 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Chair asked for moment of silence for all the people who died in the act of terror in the Florida nightclub.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees