

(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).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, 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 Chairman.

Present: Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr.
Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Council President Michael J Farina (appeared at 7:00 p.m.)

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Stephen Marsella, Assistant City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

Status report/briefing:

Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 45- 46-5(a)(2) Pending litigation

- **Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Appeal dated November 21, 2012 from ruling dated November 5, 2012 on Aug. 15, 2012 Fine Notice.** (Cont. 6/3/2013, 1/6/2014, 2/3/2014 & 7/7/2014 & 2/4/2015).

- **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 & 2/4/2015).
- **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 & 2/4/2015).

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 45-46-5(a)(2). Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Hopkins, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio, Councilmen Colford, McAuley, Archetto and Council President Farina; Councilman Stycos; Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director; Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works; Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 03-17-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Snow Removal – three foot clearance). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.**

Councilman Archetto motioned to recommend approval of this Ordinance and Councilman Paplauskas seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos stated that this Ordinance was introduced at the request of a gentleman that lives on his street. He stated that last time he checked, the gentleman was in the hospital and he is not sure if he is still in the hospital, so he will be asking for a continuance.

Councilman Archetto indicated that there is a scrivener's error on line #23, "an" should be "a". He also stated that he has a concern that this Ordinance does not contain any exemption for a homeowner who has a disability. Councilman Stycos stated that he believes this is in another section.

Council Vice-President Favicchio asked if there are any sidewalks in the City that are not 3' wide. Mr. Mason stated that the standard sidewalks are 5' wide.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

03-17-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 9.08.063 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Public Peace, Morals and Welfare” (Offenses Pertaining to Property – Back of Sidewalk Program). Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.

Councilman Archetto motioned to recommend approval of this Ordinance and Councilman Paplauskas seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos stated that this Ordinance has to do with the Tree Planting Program. This Ordinance adds small businesses to people who are eligible for the Tree Planting Program and also defines small businesses.

Council Vice-President Favicchio asked why this Ordinance is entitled “Offenses Pertaining to Property”. Councilman Stycos stated that he does not know. This is the section that whoever drafted this Ordinance placed it under.

Councilman Archetto asked if there is anything in the Ordinance that limits a tree proximity to underground water lines. Mr. Mason stated that the intent is to keep these new trees away from the water lines.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees