

(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, May 11, 2017, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair (left meeting at 6:56 p.m.)
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Council Vice President Favicchio (arrived at approx.. 6:57)
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr. (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Council President Michael J Farina

Absent: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent Affairs
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Sally Brassard, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD 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. Cont. 4/13/2017.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Farina it was voted to suspend the Rules. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Old Park Avenue. Petition filed by Cranston BTS Retail, LLC and Omega, Inc.

Robert Murray, Esq. appeared to speak regarding Abandonment of Old Park Ave. and explained the purpose of the abandonment was to accompany a zone change that was also in process for the property which would be the site for a new Dollar General. (The applicant handled out goggle aerial views of the location, including one with the building laid out)

Councilman Stycos asked how close the property ran to the river. Attorney Murray stated he wasn't sure from the site plan he had but he would provide a more detailed plan.

Attorney Murray stated that they are asking for the abandonment with an easement for an 8" City sewer pipe as well as an easement for National Grid for some electrical utility equipment.

Motion was made by Council President Farina to approve subject to said easements and to forward it to the City Council for its approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Paplauskas. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation. Property damage claim of Frank Monteiro from alleged incident on 10/01/15

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Farina, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Council Vice President Favichio (arrived at approx. 6:57) Vice-Chair Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr. (arrived at 6:50 p.m.); Councilman Paul J. McAuley; Councilman Paul H. Archetto Council President Michael J Farina; Councilman Steven A. Stycos; Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.; Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent Affairs; Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor; Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel; and Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk

Meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Council President Farina to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas. Motion passed unanimously.

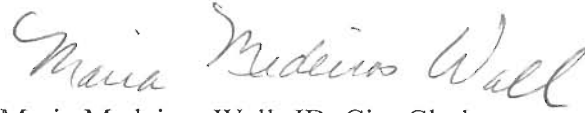
Motion by Councilman Paplauskas to seal the minutes, seconded by Council President Farina. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Old Park Avenue. Petition filed by Cranston
BTS Retail, LLC and Omega, Inc.**

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Medeiros Wall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD, City Clerk

ALLAN W. FUNG
MAYOR



Kenneth R. Mason P.E.
Director of Public Works

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02910

MEMO

Date: May 1, 2017
To: Maria Wall, City Clerk
From: Ken Mason, Director of Public Works
RE: Abandonment of a portion of Old Park Avenue

RECEIVED
17 MAY -9 PM 2:15
CRANSTON
CITY CLERK

The Public Works department, including the Sewer and Traffic Safety divisions have no objections to the abandonment of the section of Old Park Avenue in the vicinity of 1315 Park Avenue, with the exception of requiring an additional sewer easement as depicted on the attached revised drawing, prepared by Ayoub Engineering. The sewer easement is required for the 8" city owned sewer pipe that services the Pocasset Village condominium complex at 941 Dyer Avenue. The description of the sewer easement shall be prepared by the applicant in accordance with State of Rhode Island survey standards and shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department, prior to filing.

Abandonment of this city property will not effect in any other way, city public works operations.

*Electric easement
needed*

Wall, Maria

From: Wall, Maria
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 2:01 PM
To: 'Michael Grant for The Narragansett Electric Company'
Cc: Mason, Kenneth
Subject: RE: Old Park Ave., Cranston, Road Abandonment

Thank you.

Please provide the specific details needed for the easement, if they're not included in your letter, so that they can be incorporated into the abandonment.

Sincerely,

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD

Cranston City Clerk

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From: Michael Grant for The Narragansett Electric Company [<mailto:michael.grant2@nationalgrid.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 9:22 AM

To: Wall, Maria

Subject: Old Park Ave., Cranston, Road Abandonment

Dear Ms. Wall: Please be advised that after review, it has been determined that Narragansett Electric Company (NECO) has electrical utility equipment in the area proposed for abandonment. Therefore, NECO has no objection to the abandonment provided we are granted an easement for said equipment. I have mailed a letter for same, this day. Please call me if you have any questions. Michael S Grant 401-784-4337