

## OVERNIGHT PARKING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Overnight Parking Committee was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins  
Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
Council President Michael J Farina  
Chief William McKenna, Fire Department  
Sergeant James Needham, Police Department  
John Corso, Superintendent of Highway

Absent: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair

Also Present: Councilman Paul J. McAuley  
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.  
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

### **PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:**

- **7-17-02 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.**

**Council President Farina** stated that Chairman Paplauskas is out of State and he, as ex-officio, will be chairing the meeting, unless there are any objections. No one objected.

**Council President Farina** stated that there have been questions and concerns that have been brought up about overnight parking and he does not want discussion to be just germane to the Ordinance.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he spoke to the Parking Administrator in the City of Providence and he was very helpful and it may be beneficial to invite him to a meeting.

**Sergeant Needham** stated that the Ordinance indicates to "overnight parking" of places that have nowhere to park. He questioned if this is limited to homeowners who have no driveways, because some homes may have three drivers and three cars with one or two car driveway.

**Councilman Stycos** indicated that former Council Legal Counsel, Pat Quinlan, had drafted another version of an Ordinance and he can provide copies of that draft. Council President Farina asked that the Clerk forward all Council members and members of this Committee a copy of the original Ordinance which was drafted by Mr. Quinlan.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that things that this Committee needs to consider are: the overnight parking law, there are no signs that indicated that, especially if it is a new resident to the City, there is no way of knowing that this law exists; residents can also obtain a waiver form the Police Department for parking overnight on the street; enforcement is pretty sporadic and comes from complaints.

**Chief McKenna** stated that his concerns are: do we allow parking on both sides of the street; do we allow parking on streets that are not wide enough; do we restrict certain streets? Narrow streets would be very difficult to get fire apparatus down the streets, which would affect response time.

**Sergeant Needham** stated that as to the streets, it should be street by street designation and determined by width.

**Councilman Hopkins** stated that there are issues in Garden City. People park in the yards abandoned vehicles, commercial vehicles, parked in the yards and in the streets. His biggest concern is the size of the space that you could park your car in front of your home.

**Mr. Corso** stated that his concern is how the permits would work for the winter operation and snow plowing. Councilman Stycos stated that in cases such as parking bans, the permit would not be valid.

**Council President Farina** stated that the first thing the Committee needs to look at and determine is - is there a need for overnight parking in Cranston and assess what that need is; where do we see the need for this. This is the goal for the next meeting.

**Councilman Lanni** stated that it is basically easy to find out how many vehicles per home by finding out the amount of homes in Cranston and the amount of registered cars in Cranston.

**Council President Farina** asked that the Clerk follow up with Sal Saccoccio, City Assessor, to see if he can provide data of cars per home; registered cars in Cranston and size of streets.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees