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## **SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by the Chair.

Present                    Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair  
                                 Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair  
                                 Councilman Trent M. Colford, St.  
                                 Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas  
                                 Councilman Paul J. McAuley  
                                 Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present:            Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
                                 Councilman Paul H. Archetto  
                                 Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff  
                                 Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor  
                                 Robert Strom, Finance Director  
                                 Colonel Michael Winqvist, Police Department  
                                 Major Todd Patalano, Police Department  
                                 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **9-17-01S   Ordinance Ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers Contract) Local Union 301 (FY July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020) Sponsored by Mayor Fung.**

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman McAuley, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

#### Under Discussion:

**Councilman Stycos** addressed the section of the contract regarding union member being present at the time the test is being inserted in the scan tran and asked if that would mean the union member would see the score. **Michael Caramante**, President of IPBO, appeared to speak and stated that the way the posting of the scores would work is any identifying marks on the test would be removed. Anyone with a passing score, an identification number connected to that person and not the name would be posted. If there is a need for a union member to be there, they would be there, if there is no need, they won't be present. The union member would not be seeing the score when the answer sheet is being inserted in the scan tran. The union member would be present to ensure the process is being followed and there are no problems.

**Councilman McAuley** indicated to page 35 of the contract as to the language of “nurse practitioner”, and suggested adding “physician assistant”, since a physician assistant is a step above a nurse practitioner. Mr. Caramante agreed to that.

**Councilman Archetto** commended the Union and the Administration and stated that this is a fair contract.

**Councilman Paplauskas** echoed Councilman Archetto’s comments. He also commended the Union, the Chief, the Majors and the members and also giving the Chief and Majors the flexibility with this contract.

**Council President Farina** stated that this is a great contract and a fair contract. He thanked Mr. Caramante and the Chief for negotiating this fair contract.

**Councilman Hopkins** stated that this is a perfect example of what he refers to as building bridges between the Administration and the Union. He thanked the members for the work they do in protecting the City.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he is impressed with the detail that the Union and the Administration went through. One being the provision of exams having to be limited to things Police Officers should know rather than random trivia things.

**Chair** stated that this contract has so many common sense in it, it is amazing.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee