

(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, October 12, 2017, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair (appeared at 6:40 p.m.)
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr.
Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Ken Mason, Director of Public Works
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

9-17-01 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services". Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.*

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

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that these are new guidelines regarding waste discharge limits. Mr. Mason stated that this is a very minor change in the local limits that we allow businesses to discharge. He also stated that the City has been approved by RI Department of Environmental Management.

Councilman Stycos asked that Mr. Mason explain what the businesses are and what this means. Mr. Mason stated that there is a bottling company that has been struggling to meet the limits. This Ordinance is for one industry and that is the bottling company. This Ordinance would increase the discharge up to 2,000 pounds per day.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Resolution naming the tennis courts at Cranston Stebbins Stadium "The Richard A. 'Dick' Ernst Tennis Facility". Sponsored by Council President Farina; Co-sponsored by Councilmen Paplauskas, Colford, Hopkins and Council Vice-President Favicchio.

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

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that Mr. Ernst was a great coach and friend and this is a great way to honor him.

Councilmen Archetto and McAuley asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Chair stated that Mr. Ernst was a great coach and person and gentleman and a scholar and truly cared about the kids.

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

Request from National Grid for pole location at Phenix Ave.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Paplauskas:

- ***Edgewood area and Meshanticut State Park area trash receptacles – Status Update from Administration. (Cont. from 9/14/2017).***

Mr. Mason stated that he does not have any new information regarding this. The City continues to serve the Edgewood trash barrel. The Administration is not comfortable with the City on any collection of trash on State parks. We are in the process of reaching out to the State to see if we can come to some agreement on this.

Councilman Paplauskas asked if the City could place the barrel on the Cranston High School West property. Mr. Mason stated that he will check with the Administration.

Councilman McAuley:

- ***Status of Eden Park playground***

Councilman McAuley stated that this is being worked on and he will keep the Committee updated.

Chair asked for a motion to discuss repaving of streets in Ward 2, since it is not listed on the agenda. Council President stated that as Chair, he can ask question of the Administration.

Chair stated that Councilman McAuley has brought to his attention that Forest Ave. on the corner of Dale has been recently paved and the utilities have sprayed painted the area since the repairs have been done. He asked what the utilities are doing or planning to do since this is already paved. Mr. Mason reported on the protocol. The Utilities inspect for leaks prior to paving and subsequently National Grid will do a post construction leak survey. Unfortunately, at Forest and Dale the paving process caused the leaks. Those are older cast iron gas mains and they do sometimes come up with leaks. National Grid did see a total of three leaks that need to be repaired and Providence Water found one leak on Dale. He stated that National Grid classifies the leaks as Grade 1 – immediate repair; Grade 2 – within a couple of weeks, Grade 3 – minor , repair within 6 to 8 months. Chair stated that Broad St. is in the same situation. He asked if there were any problems with that. Mr. Mason stated that Providence Water paved Broad St. and it came out nice.

Councilman Stycos announced that on October 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Chester Barrows School, there will be a neighborhood meeting about establishing a dog park at the site of the tennis courts at Beachmont Field. He will notify the City Council on how that goes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees