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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 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: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio  
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr.  
Councilman Paul J. McAuley  
Councilman Paul H. Archetto (appeared at 6:45 p.m.)  
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair  
Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.  
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff  
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor  
Stephen Angell, Assistant City Solicitor  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
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 Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Council President Farina, 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:**

**Ray Evans** appeared to represent Friends of Pawtuxet Village and stated that they have no trash receptacles for the Village. They propose to pay for them and would like the City to help to collect the trash. They have numerous events there throughout the year, such as the Gaspee Days, and this is a problem.

**Robert Murray, Esq.** appeared to speak regarding the solar farms grid item that is listed on the agenda and stated that he represents the solar plant company who is installing solar plant in Western Cranston and stated that he is not sure if a representative from National Grid is present this evening considering there was a storm the other day.

**Douglas Doe**, 178 Lippitt Ave., appeared to speak regarding the solar power plant in Western Cranston and stated that this plant has been in the works for twenty months now and there is still no plan for the connection.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *National Grid to address how power will get from the solar farms to the bigger grid and will this require new pole (Councilman Stycos).*

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he contacted a representative from National Grid last week and indicated to them that this Committee was interested in hearing from National Grid early in the process regarding the solar farm. The representative advised him that because of the storm the other day, they could not have a representative present this evening but indicated that National Grid had looked at options of other routes, but could not elaborate what those options were.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that he will keep the Chair of this Committee informed if he receives any further communication from National Grid.

- *Friends of Pawtuxet Village asking to purchase 5/6 barrels for placement throughout the area. They will purchase the barrels if the City can provide routine pick up of the trash. There are presently no trash barrels in the area. (Chairman Hopkins).*

**Chair** stated that he did bring this issue to the attention of the Administration and he has the types of barrels, costs and pickup dates and he will forward this information to the representative of Friends of Pawtuxet Village.

**Director Mason** stated that this was discussed with the Administration and the City would be available to service those barrels on Mondays and Fridays. The City would request that the barrels need to be bolted down to the sidewalk. The City would also like to approve the location of the barrels. He suggested that Mr. Evans contact the Public Works Department and he will be provided with the standards that the City has throughout the City.

**Director Mason** stated that his fear is that the barrels would be overfull on Saturday afternoons and the City would not be going out on weekends to empty the barrels. He also suggested that the City install the barrels.

- ***Report from Administration on uses of newly purchased bobcat and where it is being used and possibility of purchasing additional ones. (Councilman Stycos).***

**Director Mason** stated that he spoke to Parks and Recreation Director Liberatore and that department has the snow blower/tractor which was purchased last year. The cost was approximately \$30,000. In speaking with Director Liberatore, he would be more than happy to purchase another one if he was given the funds. Director Mason stated that he feels Parks and Recreation has a better chance in using them.

**Councilman Lanni** asked that Director Liberatore provide the City Council with a list of locations this snow blower/tractor is used for, especially in sidewalk snow clearing.

**Director Mason** suggested that the City Council ask Director Liberatore any questions regarding this item at the budget hearings. That would be the best time.

**2-18-02**      ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services" (Sewer Out of City Connections). Sponsored by Council President Farina.***

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** stated that this Ordinance just requires that the City Council be notified on the Docket of out of City sewer connections, but no need to approve them.

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

***Resolution urging the Administration to enter into talks with BASF about the future of the BASF properties and the possibility of some of the land becoming open space. Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.***

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

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Paplauskas** asked if there is a timeframe that BASF could say the property is cleaned up enough. Councilman Stycos stated that that is what this discussion should be. What BASF has stated is that depending on the future use, that would determine the cleanup plan.

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

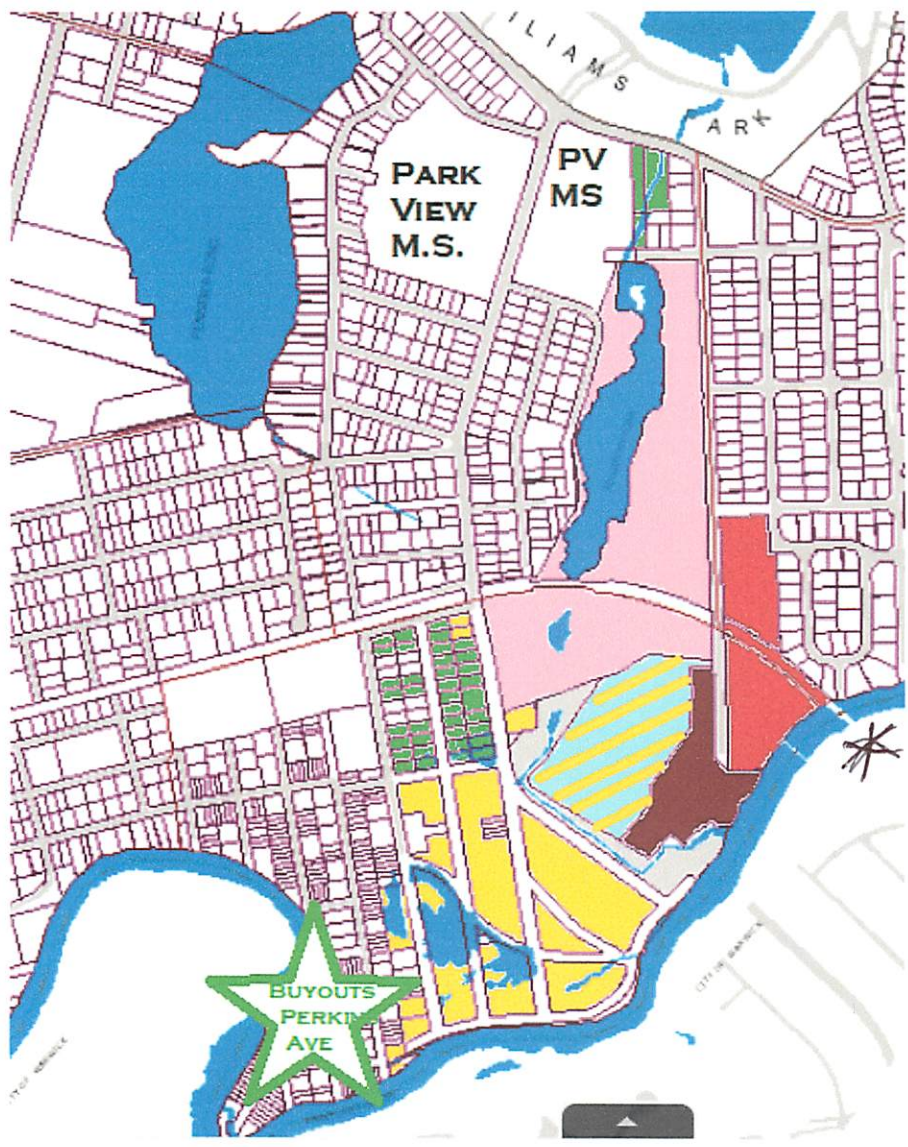
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee



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