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CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, April 2, 2018, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr., Chair

Absent: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Susan Ayrassian, Confidential Assistant to the Personnel Director
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Lanni, 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:

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| Kevin Silvia (<i>Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018</i>) | 1/12/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Paula McDonald (<i>Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018</i>) | 1/16/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Joseph Sczerbinski (<i>Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018</i>) | 1/13/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Heidy Paz (<i>Cont. 3/5/2018 pending City's Appraisal</i>) | 1/30/2018 | Vehicle damage |

NEW BUSINESS

- **Claims Appeal Process and Procedure**

Solicitor addressed the current procedure of when claims are filed and the way they are processed. He stated that the biggest hurdle is the claim goes to the Clerk's Office to be filed then is placed on the Council Docket as New Business and then they are referred to the Claims Committee for action, which would delay any action on the claims by two to three weeks where if they were filed directly with Ms. Ayrassian, she could immediately open the file and process the claim for the Claims Committee. This would streamline the process. The Council could also give Ms. Ayrassian authority to screen most of the claims under a certain amount, such as mailboxes and potholes, and they would report that to the Claims Committee. He also indicated that there is no appeals process in place at this time.

Chair asked if the Council gave Ms. Ayrassian the authority to screen the smaller claims, would that have to be done by Ordinance. Solicitor stated that he would like to research this further, but the Council may want to have a section in the Code that deals strictly with claims.

| <u>Claimant</u> | <u>Date of Incident</u> | <u>Nature of Claim</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Police Vehicle # 3271 | 2/10/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Dorothy Surtel | 1/30/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Donna Warzeka | 12/05/2017 | Property damage |
| Police Vehicle #6533 | 3/13/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Stephen Mariorenzi | 1/04/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Fabrizio Aguilar | 2/18/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Daniel Ivanov | 2/28/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Connie Rix | 1/13/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Laura Wrath | 3/14/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Joyelle Credo | 2/02/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Charles Herrera | 2/19/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Marie Tasca | 2/26/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| James McCormick | 3/01/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Stephanie Robillard | 3/02/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Caroline Greene | 3/02/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Justin Hopkins | 3/02/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Sharron Sheridan | 3/02/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Robert Oscarson | 3/04/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Lena King | 3/10/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Stephanie Masoian | 1/30/2018 | Property damage |
| Debra and Keith Grimaldi | 3/01/2018 | Property damage |
| Lynn Chenel | 2/24/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Brandon Bursie | 2/24/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| Marilyn Kennedy | 3/1/2018 | Vehicle damage |
| James Dumas | 3/13/2018 | Property damage |

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

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

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:02 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Stycos, Lanni, Paplauskas, Colford; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel; Susan Ayrassian, Confidential Assistant to the Personnel Director.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:50 P.M.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

Kevin Silvia (Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018)

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to deny the appeal. Motion passed unanimously.

Paula McDonald (Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018)

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted that the prior approval of 50% for this claim remains and appeal is denied. Motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Sczerbinski (Appeal - Approved for 50% - 3/5/2018)

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to deny the appeal. Motion passed unanimously.

Heidy Paz (Cont. 3/5/2018 pending City's Appraisal)

Ms. Ayrassian stated that the City's appraisal was received in the amount of \$1,979.89.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$1,979.89. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Vehicle # 3271

Ms. Ayrassian stated that this claim is before the Committee for information only and no action is needed at this time.

Dorothy Surtel

Ms. Ayrassian stated that this claim is before the Committee for introduction only and no action was taken at this time.

Donna Warzeka

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Vehicle #6533

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Mariorenzi

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Fabrizio Aguilar

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to continue this claim and Ms. Ayrassian to obtain pictures of the vehicle. Motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Ivanov

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Connie Rix

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Laura Wrath

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Joyelle Credo

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Herrera

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Tasca

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for total of \$300.00. Motion passed unanimously.

James McCormick

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Robillard

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Caroline Greene

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Hopkins

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this claim and Ms. Ayrassian to obtain itemized bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharron Sheridan

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Oscarson

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Lena King

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Masoian

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Debra and Keith Grimaldi

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for \$50. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Chenel

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Bursie

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Merilyn Kennedy

Councilman Stycos motioned to approve this claim for 50%. No one seconded the motion.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for the full amount. Motion passed on a vote of 3-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Paplauskas and Colford -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Stycos -1.

James Dutras

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this claim for \$50. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees