

(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).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, May 7, 2018, 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 Trent M. Colford, Sr.
 Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
 Councilman Paul J. McAuley
 Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair
 Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
 Robert Strom, Director of Finance
 John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
 David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
 Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
 Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, 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:

- **Correspondence from Tax Assessor's Office regarding Motor Vehicle Abatement for Kenneth Caligiuri and Supplemental Real Estate Abatement for Matthew Balsamo. Informational Only.**

Director Strom stated that as to the Abatement for Mr. Caligiuri, it was a Motor Vehicle Abatement which needs to be rescinded. As to Mr. Balsamo, this was a supplemental Real Estate Abatement, which has been rectified and adjusted.

Chair asked if the Committee needs to vote on these since this is listed under Correspondence. Solicitor stated that he does not know if that is necessary, but does not see any harm if the Committee takes a vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Report and update from Grant Writer (March 5, 2018)**

Director Strom stated that he knows the Grant Writer is working on this since he cut a check to her, but has no further information.

Chair asked that this be continued to next month's meeting and Committee be provided with a report from the Grant Writer.

- **Update on video streaming of meetings**

City Clerk stated that there are three scenarios. The third option would be automated cameras which increased the cost by \$2,800. The second option would also be increased by \$2,800.

Director Strom stated that in his opinion, he would recommend starting the project this year and finish it off the following year. This would release the pain of budgetary aspects by spreading over two years.

Councilman Stycos asked what the status is of the recommendation he had made in the past of a board to be used to display agendas for the public during the meetings. **Director Strom** stated that he would have to check with the Purchasing Agent and report back. He thinks that the Purchasing Agent is not quite sure of what kind of board Councilman Stycos is referring to.

Chair stated that if we do the live streaming, we could have a large monitor displaying the agendas.

Director Strom stated that once we decide what option to go with the cameras, we can address Clerkbase and the concern of Councilman Stycos regarding the board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

- **Real Estate Tax Abatements**

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

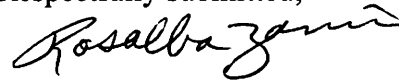
On motion by Councilman Colford, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements**

On motion by Councilman McAuley, seconded by Councilman Colford, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees