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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, June 4, 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  
                                 Council President Michael J Farina

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 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:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Council President Farina** stated that he spoke to the Grant Writer today and she did not have further updates. She will have an update the end of the summer. He asked that this item be placed on the August agenda.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Hopkins, it was voted to continue this item to the August meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on video streaming of meetings**

**Council President Farina** stated that since funds were placed in the 2018-2019 Budget, next step is to have Board of Contract and Purchase go out for RFP. Director Strom stated that he will speak to the Purchasing Agent and will have him go out for RFP.

**Chair** asked that this item be removed from the agenda for now until RFP are received.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:**

No one from the public appeared to speak.

- **Real Estate Tax Abatements**

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements**

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

- **Tax Interest Waiver Approval**

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Colford, it was voted to recommend approval of the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by City Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

**5-18-02 Ordinance Authorizing the City to Utilize City Western Cranston Police Impact Fees for Police Station Lease Payments. Sponsored by Councilman Stycos.**

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

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Stycos** stated that this is from the follow-up from the Budget amendment.

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

**5-18-03 Ordinance Authorizing Loan Order for the City of Cranston to Finance the Acquisition, Construction, Improvement, Renovation, Repair, Alteration and Equipping of Playgrounds and Athletic Fields in the City of Cranston by the Issuance of Not More Than \$2,000,000 Bonds and Notes Therefor (Parks and Recreation Bond) Sponsored by Council President Farina and Council Vice-President Favicchio.**

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

Under Discussion:

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** asked that scrivener's error be corrected on last page – "which" changed to "that" and place question mark at the end of the sentence.

**Councilman Hopkins, McAuley, Colford and Paplauskas** asked to be added as co-sponsors.

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

**Chair** stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> and not the 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the holiday.

**Council President Farina** announced a special Council meeting for June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to swear in the new Council member to replace Councilman Colford and he asked that Councilman Colford attend that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees