

(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, June 14, 2018, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio (appeared at 7:00 p.m.)
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair
Council President Michael J Farina

Absent: Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Paul H. Archetto

Also Present: Robin Muksian, Director of Administration
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

Council President Farina stated that Councilman Colford resigned last week from the Council and Edward Brady was appointed to replace Councilman Colford. He also stated that Councilman Brady is listed on the agendas as a member of this Committee, however, he was not appointed to any committees and this Committee stands at five members and he, as Ex-Officio, counts as a quorum this evening.

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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jessica Miller, 1900 Broad St., appeared to speak regarding property at 211 Grand Ave., which has been an eyesore forever. She presented a packet of various properties owned by the same person which are all in disrepair and copy of a Section of the City Code regarding the Housing Board of Review. She questioned why these homes are allowed to sit there and decay and why these properties are not getting fined.

Councilman Hopkins stated that he visited the area and has been told that there is a boundary dispute as to who owns those properties and this is a civil matter.

Douglas Doe, 178 Lippitt Ave., appeared to speak and stated that while walking along Lippitt Ave., he noticed spray painting of various colors on the trees and he would like National Grid to explain why. He also indicated that Lippitt Ave. will lose at least 53 trees.

George Watson, Esq., appeared to represent National Grid and stated that he is present this evening regarding the pole location requests at Laten Knight Rd. and Hope Rd.

Council President Farina stated that the issue of 211 Grand Ave. was brought up at the last meeting and Director Lopez was to have a report this evening, but Director Lopez is not present. He questioned what the City could do to address the residents' concerns and bring the landowner into compliance. Director Muksian stated that she will personally follow-up on the status of this issue and she will contact Ms. Miller tomorrow. This may be in the Municipal Court system, but she will find out.

Council President Farina asked that this issue be added to the June City Council Docket for the Administration to give an update.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Update on Grand Ave. home – illegal 5 family.** Council President Farina (5/17/2018 Ordinance meeting).

Discussion took place under Public Hearings.

5-18-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 13.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Public Services”. (Wastewater Discharge Limits) Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid Pole for new (2) and removal (2) joint pole locations on Park Ave., east of Wellington and Park intersection. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid for proposed new and removal of pole locations on Park Ave., east of Wellington and Park intersection. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid for new joint pole location on Pontiac Ave. SW intersection of Hamilton Rd. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid for new joint pole location and replacements on Chestnut Hill Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid for new (2) joint pole locations on Laten Knight Road, north of Laten Knight Rd. and Hope Rd. intersection. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid Pole for new joint pole location on Laten Knight Road, west of Laten Knight Rd. and Beechwood Dr. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

Request from National Grid Pole for new joint pole location on Hope Road, east of Hope Rd. and Laten Knight Rd. Referred to Public Works Committee June 14, 2018.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Farina, it was voted to take all the above pole location requests as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve all the above pole locations as a block.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina questioned if the approximate 53 trees that will be lost is accurate as stated by Mr. Doe. Attorney Watson stated, no, it is approximately 248 trees and these are all trees in the public right of way.

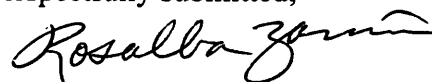
Council President Farina stated that he will vote for these requests only because the project has been approved, but he would like to see some changes to the State Laws.

Councilman Paplauskas stated that being a former Boy Scout, losing 248 trees really makes him sick to his stomach, but since the project has been approved, he has to vote for these.

Roll call was taken to approve all the above pole location requests and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees