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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, August 16, 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
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair
Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Edward J. Brady
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
David Igliazzi, Assistant City Solicitor
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman McAuley stated that Council Vice-President Favicchio, 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:

Jerry Trombetti, Laurel Hill Ave., appeared to speak regarding speeding on Laurel Hill Ave. and stated that some solutions he has would be placing speeding cameras similar to Providence since there is a school in the area, Gladstone School; hire more Police Officers or have more stop signs in the area. He asked that the Mayor and City Council look into this matter. After the street was paved, the problems got worse.

Councilman Hopkins stated that his suggestion would be placing blinking signs similar to the ones on Cranston St. and bring this before the Safety Services and Licenses Committee and address it to the Police Department at that time.

Councilman Lanni stated that one of the problems is not enough stop signs. He also stated that from Union Ave. to Chestnut Hill Ave., there is only one stop sign. There may not be enough manpower for Police and this should be addressed if that is the case.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on speeding on Laurel Hill Ave. (Councilman Archetto)
36 Cliff Avenue – odor issue (Councilman Archetto)

Councilman Archetto stated that the suggestion of speed cameras should be looked at and possibly forming a study commission to see how this is working in Providence and how much they generate in revenues. He also stated that signage should also be addressed.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that we should also use the speed monitoring devices. This could be considered.

Chair stated that temporary speed bumps could be considered as an alternate suggestion to be used during the summer and removed in the winter to make it easier to plow the streets.

Councilman Stycos asked for Director Mason's opinion regarding speed bumps. Director Mason stated that the City no longer has those speed bumps. He is not a big fan of any type of speed bumps on any kind of road. They belong in parking lots. Increased enforcement is the best way to slow traffic down. As to the electronic speeding devices, they are more of a capital project item and the cost would be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 each.

Chair asked that this item be referred to next month's Safety Services and Licenses Committee meeting.

Haywood St. Sidewalk (Councilman McAuley)

Councilman McAuley stated that it was brought to his attention that there is a cement parking stopper, which was moved onto Park Ave. by the property owner, which is blocking the sidewalk for pedestrians especially now that school will be starting. Director Mason stated that Public Works will take care of that before school starts.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Archetto stated that there is an issue with a home at 36 Cliff Ave. and he called the Inspections Department, but does not know if they have been out there yet. The homeowner fertilizes their garden with their trash and their pet's waste. Chair suggested that Councilman Archetto contact DEM and the URI Horticulture Department.

Councilman McAuley asked if there is still street sweeping being done in the area of Concord Ave. and Lexington. Director Mason asked that Councilman McAuley provide him or the Administration with a list of streets that he or City Council members would like checked into. The program has pretty much ended, but some of the streets were missed due to utility work being done on those streets.

Chair asked if the 50/50 program is still available because requests are still being received. Director Mason stated, no, that has ended until next Fiscal Year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees