

(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).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins
Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas
Councilmember Paul J. McAuley
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair (left meeting at 6:50 p.m.)
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
Council President Michael J Farina

Absent: Councilmember Edward J. Brady

Also Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos
Councilmember John P. Donegan
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Fortune, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Joslyn, 23 Gaglione Ct., appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 2-19-06 and stated that there is a new twist of a proposed new usage and it is incumbent upon the Ordinance Committee of where this new usage is going. His concern is the notice regarding the usage.

Council President Farina stated that in reading the Planning Commission recommendation from March, things are happening at the Planning Commission level that we are not privie to. At the proper time, this Committee will hear any changes or further proposals.

2-19-05 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone - 0 Phenix Avenue [former Highway Garage]). Sponsored by Councilmember Paplauskas.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Paplauskas stated that this Ordinance changes the Zoning from Commercial C-5 to Open Space and he urged passage.

Councilmember McAuley stated that this will be a great addition to the Knightsville area and applauds Councilmember Paplauskas's efforts. Council President Farina agreed.

Council President Farina, Council Vice-President Favicchio, Councilmembers Hopkins, McAuley, Stycos and Vargas asked to be added as co-sponsors.

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

2-19-06 Ordinance in amendment of Ch. 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (950 Phenix Avenue Signage - Cube Smart). Petition filed by BCPStor Development, LLC.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this Ordinance based on request of applicant and Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

3-19-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2.40.080 of the Code of the City of Cranston, entitled "Administration and Personnel" (Municipal Court – Fines, Penalties and Imprisonment). Sponsored by Councilmember Stycos.

On motion by Councilmember McAuley, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos questioned if Solicitor could draft language indicating that if person does not want to go to Court, he would just pay the fine. Solicitor stated that he can. Council President Farina stated to Councilmember Stycos to withdraw the Ordinance or continue it and work with the Solicitor on drafting language where we could not be in violation.

Councilmember Stycos stated that he had asked Municipal Court how many violations they have had and how much was collected in fines and he was told that this information was not available.

Councilmember Vargas stated that she has a problem with what Councilmember Stycos just stated that we do not know how many violations are currently going before Municipal Court. Councilmember Stycos stated that he was told that they were working on a system to track this in the future.

Council President Farina stated that the question he has is, is the language drafted by Councilmember Stycos placed in the correct section of the Code or should it be placed in the Inspections section.

Councilmember Stycos stated that he is fine with the suggestion of continuing the Ordinance and working with the Solicitor on this.

Chair stated that he agrees with this Ordinance, but he thinks that some of the enforcement has been part of the issues.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosalba Zanni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees