

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general information purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos
Councilmember John P. Donegan
Councilmember Edward J. Brady
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Paul J. McAuley, Chair

Absent: Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Finance Director
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Date of Incident</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>
Todd Scorpio	4/13/2019	Vehicle Damage
Ken Guercia	2/28/2019	Property Damage
Dolores Deal	2/12/2019	Personal Injury
Mary Lou Lapin	2/20/2019	Vehicle Damage
Maria Rosa	3/4/2019	Property Damage

Mary Laurendeau	3/4/2019	Property Damage
Veronica Manders	3/4/2019	Vehicle Damage
Mary Sarlo	3/20/2019	Personal Injury
Anna Ferri	4/15/2019	Vehicle Damage
Joseph Barboza	3/13/2019	Personal Injury
Nicole Frechette	4/3/2019	Vehicle Damage
Louise Herrington	4/4/2019	Vehicle Damage
Kenneth Mills	4/2/2019	Vehicle Damage
Wei Li	4/5/2019	Vehicle Damage
John Richard	2/11/2019	Property Damage

*** Indicates a claim previously reviewed by the Claims Committee.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2). Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmembers Stycos, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas and McAuley; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees; Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk.

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

Todd Scorpio

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken Guercia

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to approve this claim for \$50.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Dolores Deal

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Lapin

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Maria Rosa

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to approve this claim for \$50.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Laurendeau

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to approve this claim for \$50.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Veronica Manders

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Sarlo

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Anna Ferri

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to approve this claim for \$200.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Ana Rodriguez

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Barboza

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Frechette

Introduction only. No action taken.

Louise Herrington

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim and funds be taken out of the Police Department Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth Mills

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim and funds be taken out of the Police Department Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Wei Li

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

John Richard

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Strom stated that during the Budget Amendment meeting, it was discussed that it was the pleasure of the Council to create a new line item for Fiscal Year 2020 entitled "Settlements". Director Strom also stated that no new money will be added to this new line item. \$200,000 will be taken out of "City Claims" and placed as a separate item as "Settlements" and bring back "City Claims" to \$150,000.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to add a new line item entitled "Settlements" appropriating \$200,000 from "City Claims" and bringing "City Claims" to \$150,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Vannini reported the following claims which were referred out:

- Leslie Smith – referred to the State.
- Joseph Conti – referred to Providence Water.
- Notice from Attorney Joseph Voccola, representing Frances Parsons, of an alleged injury at Traffic Tribunal parking lot – sent correspondence indicating that this is not City property.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees