

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilwoman Michelle Bergin-Andrews (appeared at 6:15 P.M.)
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Mayor Allan W. Fung
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Michael Glucksman, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Nick Capezza, Acting Director of Public Works
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
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 Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

List of out of City tie-ins to the City's sewer system, amounts being billed.
(Solicitor to report back on issues brought up at the last meeting)

Ms. Schutt asked that this be continued.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Administration on use of Stimulus monies - Fletcher Avenue and other projects

Mr. Cordy stated that the monies are lumped in with Pocasset River Flood Plan. The Administration has been in communication with Senator Jack Reed's Office and will be having an organizational meeting this month and will update the Council after that meeting.

Councilman Santamaria stated that, as Chair of the Flood Commission, has been invited to this meeting, which will be held on April 30, 2009 at the Johnston Senior Center.

Council President Lanni asked if there is a breakdown of how much is for planning and how much is for actual work. Mr. Cordy stated that he does not have a breakdown of the engineering cost at this point.

Diana Gordon, 363 Pontiac Ave., appeared to speak and asked besides Fletcher Ave. project, what other projects there are. Ms. Schutt stated that the Clerk will provide her with a list that was provided to the Council.

Recycling Fines - requested by Council President Lanni

Ms. Schutt stated that the Solicitor is researching this Ordinance. This would allow Waste Management do make a determination of not to pick up certain trash. This is a concern of the Administration. We are putting it in the hands of an outside party to fine people. We will move forward in printing the tickets, but the Administration is concerned about the fining of people. She will report back to the Council within a week or two.

Council President Lanni stated that the Administration should also look at charging people for bins, even if it is a small fee. Ms. Schutt stated that the person who distributes the bins has recommended this and the Administration is looking at this.

Petition for change of street name from Goeckel Ave. to CPC Founders Way.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve this street name change. Motion passed unanimously.

Petition from National Grid for pole location at Vaughn Lane.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve this petition for pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Petition from National Grid for pole location at A St.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve this petition for pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Petition from National Grid for pole location at Vallette St.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve this petition for pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business:

Resolution In Support of House Bill No. 5883 “An Act Relating to Highways-Maintenance of Town Highways”

City Clerk stated that this item was placed on the Finance Agenda in error. It is before the Committee for information and will appear on the Council Docket and any changes can be made at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees