

# REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

**-APRIL 26, 2010-**

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, April 26, 2010 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro (appeared at 7:05 P.M.), Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews (appeared at 7:05 P.M.), Council Vice-President Livingston (appeared at 7:05 P.M.) and Council President Lanni -9.

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and stand approved as recorded.

## **I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

None.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **III. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS**

### **“RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO SEC. 11.02 OF THE CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM QUESTION”**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-1-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Lupino -1.

### **“RESOLUTION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT SEC. 14.08 PROMOTIONS FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS”**

**Council President Lanni** stated that this needs further clarification and is being removed from the docket at this time.

### **“RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL S-2555 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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**“RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL S-2553 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Navarro, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL S-2557 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A METROPOLITAN PUBLIC WORKS DISTRICT”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H-8017 AND S-2804 ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR A BENEFITS PENSION PLAN FOR THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 251”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE HESS LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PLANT”**

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 6-2 and one recusal. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lupino and Archetto -2. Councilman Aceto recused.

**“RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL THE CARUOLO ACT”**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Council Vice-President Livingston** stated that unless there is some alternate plan in place, he will not support this Resolution.

**Councilman Navarro** also stated that without having another mechanism in place, he cannot support this Resolution either. He indicated that this issue came before the Council last year and he did not support it then for the same reason. Councilman Archetto agreed with Council Vice-President Livingston and Councilman Navarro.

**Councilman Pelletier** asked how the Administration’s opinion regarding this Resolution. Ms. Schutt stated that the Administration is in support of this Resolution. this may force a new plan.

**Council President Lanni** indicated that the City has spent too much money in legal fees in the past for Caruolo Actions. We can’t mandate this. We are just asking General Assembly to repeal the Caruolo Act.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Aceto, Pelletier, Santamaria and Council President Lanni -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro, Archetto, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council Vice-President Livingston -5.

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**“RESOLUTION URGING THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO ENTER IN NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO FREEZE TEACHERS’ STEP INCREASES PURSUANT TO RIGL 16-7-29”**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Lupino** stated that this would be in conflict with State Law.

**Council President Lanni** asked for legal opinion from the Council legal counsel. Mr. Quinlan stated that he feels this is legal. This is just requesting the School Committee to negotiate with the Teachers Alliance to freeze step increases.

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that step increases are not mandated by State Law. They are negotiated by the collective bargaining agreement.

**Councilman Aceto** stated that if the Union would come to the table and give up their step increases, they could save some cuts, such as sports.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Lupino -1.

**“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE RI GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY ON SEVEN MILE ROAD FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION FORMING A COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY AND ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Ms. Schutt** stated that the Administration supports the spirit of this. The concern that the Administration has is consolidation does not mean the City takes on the people of the School Department and place them under the Municipal Budget. The School Department needs to step up to the plate and not burdening the City further. Right now, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department does maintain some of the School Department’s fields.

**Councilman Aceto** stated that there are services that are overlapping between the School Department and the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

**Councilman Navarro** stated that he supports the spirit of this as well and hopefully, this Committee can come up with savings for the City.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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**“RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO UTILIZE EITHER THE APPROVED BOND FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF CITY ROADS OR STIMULUS FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA), TO RE-PAVE DYER AVE. AS PART OF THE REVITALIZATION OF DYER AVE. LOCATED IN THE HEART OF A MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT”**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Archetto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO UTILIZE EITHER THE APPROVED BOND FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF CITY ROADS OR STIMULUS FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA), TO RE-PAVE GANSETT AVE. AS PART OF THE REVITALIZATION OF GANSETT AVE. LOCATED IN THE HEART OF A MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT”**

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) REIMBURSE CITIES AND TOWNS DIRECTLY”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Ms. Schutt** stated that there are two funding sources we need to be aware of: 1) FEMA and 2) Federal Highway money, which comes from DOT.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE POCASSET RIVER FOR DREDGING AND OTHER REMEDIATION TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING ISSUES”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Aceto** stated that this is an intent of a request. If needed, a follow-up Resolution can be passed at a later time.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked to be included as a co-sponsor of this Resolution.

**Councilman Navarro** questioned whether a vote can be taken on this issue, since there is no Resolution in the Council’s packet that is before the Council this evening. He asked for legal opinion. Mr. Quinlan stated that a Resolution is just a statement of intent of the Council. The better process is to have something written, but a voice vote can be taken.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
(Emilio L. Navarro, Chair)**

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Navarro, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS - AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER”**

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve the list of Tax Interest Waiver approvals, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIALS OF *M. SOLOMON CASKET CO.* AND *ANGELO MESQUITA* - AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the denial of the above Tax Interest Waiver requests, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**3-10-1 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UTILIZE WESTERN CRANSTON ROADS IMPACT FEES FOR INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT WALNUT GROVE AND ATWOOD AVENUES”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that he was advised today that Atwood Ave. is considered Eastern Cranston as far as Impact Fees. He asked that this Ordinance be amended to state “East Police” rather “Western Cranston Roads” and be re-advertised for next month’s Council meeting. He asked the Finance Director if there are enough funds in the East Police account for this. Mr. Strom stated that there are enough funds.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend this Ordinance and re-advertise for next month’s Council meeting. Motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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**3-10-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 3.08, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES’ (Diesel Emission Reduction)”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews** asked how much this is going to cost the City and if Mr. Scotti of the Vehicle Maintenance Department is present this evening to answer any questions. Ms. Schutt stated that Mr. Scotti attended the Finance Committee meeting, as requested by the Council, and this question did not come up at that meeting and she did not ask Mr. Scotti to attend this evening.

**Council Vice-President Livingston** stated that his understanding was that there were no objections during the public hearing process. The Administration and Clean Water were on-board with this.

**Councilman Pelletier** asked if there is going to be a phase-in period or will we have to expend all the funds at one time. Ms. Schutt stated that this was one of the concerns that was addressed because this does not involve fire trucks, highway and other older trucks. It eliminates a lot of our fleets.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with 1 recusal. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. Councilman Lupino recused.

**3-10-5 “ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 251 (MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES) (FY 2008-2009) AND (FY 2009-2012) CONTRACT”**

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Ordinance was adopted as on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE  
(Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair)**

**3-10-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10.32 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘NO PARKING’ (Broad St. and Narragansett St.)”**

This Ordinance was withdrawn by Council Vice-President Livingston, sponsor.

**CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (Above the cap) – CHRISTOPHER’S CRANSTON DELI, 1458 PARK AVE. (Recommended approval 4/5/2010)”**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve this liquor license application. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS  
(Michelle Bergin-Andrews, Chair)**

**RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS FOR:** Jeff Aloisio \$376.44; Brittney Cochran \$192.33; Vanna Nhem \$203.83; Deborah Saccoccio \$2,875.00; Jacqueline, William & Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Harleysville Insurance for Janet Cherella \$300.00; Rite Marsella \$43.00; Chris Medeiros \$88.00; Anne-Marie DiFusco \$282.00.

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On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to vote on the above claims as a block. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 1 not present and 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -7. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote and Council Vice-President Livingston abstained.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted approve the above claims. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -8. Council Vice-President Livingston abstained.

### V. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

#### **“TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW: RE-APPOINTMENT OF NEIL AMPER”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to re-appoint **Neil Amper** as a member of the *Tax Assessment Board of Review*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

#### **“ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW: APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN MINICUCCI AS REGULAR MEMBER”**

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to appoint **Steven Minicucci** as a *regular member of the Zoning Board of Review*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**Council President Lanni** stated that since Mr. Minicucci was a Second Alternate member and now becomes a permanent member, the Second Alternate position is now vacant. He asked that the Council members consider a name to fill this position for the next Council meeting.

#### **“BOARD OF CONTRACT AND PURCHASE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARK PERROTTI”**

Council President Lanni re-appointed **Mark Perrotti** as a member of the *Board of Contract and Purchase*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

### VI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

### VII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

#### **“REPORT ON HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, CONSULTANTS, ETC. PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 15.05”**

None.

***Armenian Genocide Celebration***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that the Armenian Council contacted her regarding this year's celebration and they stated to her that this year they will celebrate it in North Providence, since they feel that due to the flood in March, they did not want to burden the City of Cranston this year. They will be back next year, if we want them.

***FEMA Flood Reimbursements***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that the City is looking to try to hire a consultant for FEMA reimbursement, since this is very complicated. The cost is \$15,000. This is in the best interest of the City. She believes between FEMA and DOT, the damage cost, not including the pump station is approximately \$2 million.

**VIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Council President Lanni** asked for moment of Prayer for the Armenian Genocide. He also asked for a moment of Prayer for a speedy recovery for two teenagers, who were involved in an auto accident: Alyssa Moulton and Christina Sinapi, whom her father is an employee of the City.

**Council President Lanni** stated that this City Council and Administration is working together for regionalization of services between Cranston and Warwick.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Council Vice-President Livingston**

***Harbor Management Plan - Status Update***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that this is still at CRMC for their review and we are awaiting response.

**Council Vice-President Livingston** asked that Mr. LaPolla appear at the next Council meeting along with a representative from CRMC.

**Councilman Aceto**

***Tow Company List***

**Ms. Schutt** appeared to speak.

***Natick Ave.***

**Councilman Aceto** indicated that this item was discussed last month.

***Emergency Management Procedures***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that this is similar to the snow and she will provide the Council with this procedure in writing.

***Admin. Report: Outside contractors doing City landscaping***

**Ms. Schutt** appeared to speak.



**Councilman Lupino**

***Report on Foreclosure Ordinance.***

**Ms. Schutt** deferred to the City Clerk. Ms. Wall stated that there was a report in the Council's packet with the foreclosure information they'd requested. Councilman Lupino stated that in light of the information and new state statute, he would sponsor an Ordinance to repeal the existing ordinances.

***Status of sale of Police Station property (Atwood Ave.)***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that Phase 2 reports have been completed and RFP is being prepared by the Purchasing Agent.

***Flood Victims***

**Councilman Lupino** asked that, with the permission of the Chair of Finance Committee, discussion be held at the next Finance Committee meeting regarding the people effected by the flood. He would like discussion and proposed reports from the Finance Director and the City Assessor on whether we can defer or release fines for late payment of taxes on properties whom residents have been forced to vacate. He would like to know how many homes have been vacated and what the financial implications are and possibly develop a program for deferring of taxes unless those homes are sold or re-inhabited. Mr. Strom stated that he will look into this. First, he would like to see the number of properties that are affected.

**Councilman Santamaria**

***Status of Federal Funds for Pocasset River***

**Ms. Schutt** stated that we still have assurance from Senator Reed's Office that there is money earmarked for this.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked that this item be continued.

***Check Valves***

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that he received a call from property owner of 959 Plainfield Circle, Castello's. He asked that a report be provided from Veolia on what is happening as far as check valves.

**Councilman Pelletier**

***Displaced Property Owners***

**Councilman Pelletier** stated that at the next Council meeting, he will introduce a Resolution called "Meri Kennedy Resolution", who was also displaced by the March flood and is in a hotel. He asked that the City Treasurer waive the interest and pay for hotel fees. Councilman Archetto stated that he believes FEMA will reimburse individuals who are displaced from their home and renting or are in hotels.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**Council President Lanni** indicated that the report from the Charter Review Commission will be referred to a Special Ordinance Committee meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and this report will be made available on the City's website.

**City Clerk** read the following introduced items and the Committees and the date referred for public hearing:

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### **Safety Services and Licenses Committee – May 3, 2010**

**4-10-4** Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Bryant Rd. and Spring St.).

### **Public Works Committee – May 13, 2010**

**Request from National Grid** for pole location at Brettonwoods Dr.

### **Finance Committee – May 13, 2010**

**4-10-2** Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Eastern and Western Cranston Recreation Impact Fees for reconstruction of “Hot Boxes” as mandated by Providence Water Supply Board..

**4-10-3** Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Eastern and Western Cranston Police Impact Fees for improvements to Information Technology Room at new Cranston Police Station.

### **Ordinance Committee – May 13, 2010**

**4-10-1** Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Finance Director to execute and deliver an easement agreement permitting the construction of a retaining wall on a portion of Berry St.

### **Claims Committee**

- \*Dennis Signoriello for property damage
- \*Stephen DeNardo for property damage
- \*Rosalie Johnson for property damage
- \*Mark Adamek for property damage
- \*Edward Sheridan for property damage
- \*Stacey Bendell for property damage
- \*Christine Muncy for property damage
- \*Jenna Bianca for property damage
- \*Marie Comprone for property damage
- \*Carol Myron for property damage
- \*Lois DiBiasio for property damage
- \*Jose Reyes for property damage
- \*Angelo Ciccarelli for property damage
- \*Rhonda Parkhouse for property damage

\*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

## **XII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK**

None.

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### **XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS**

**Anthony Liberatore**, 18 Bank St., Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared to speak regarding “Resolution forming a Committee to implement the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City and Athletic Department of the School Department” and stated that Councilman Aceto had stated earlier that there are overlapping services between the School Department and the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. He asked that Councilman Aceto send an e-mail to him before this Committee starts meeting and also what services overlap between the Schools and the City’s Parks and Recreation.

**Dick Tomlins**, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak and stated that he cannot understand how this Council can approve the Resolution freezing step increases for teachers and deny the Resolution to repeal the Caruolo Act. He also stated that he would like the opportunity to review the Police contract. Council President Lanni stated that the contract will be posted on the City’s website prior to ratifying it.

**Paul Valletta** appeared to represent the Firefighters Union and stated that before the Budget Amendment meeting on Wednesday, he indicated that this proposed budget has seventeen vacant positions. Last year, the Union agreed to twelve positions. If this Budget is approved as proposed by the Mayor, a grievance will be filed.

**Walter Lawrence**, 745 Natick Ave., appeared to speak regarding Tennessee Gas pipe on Natick Ave. and stated that the pipe is stressed and eventually it will break. Ms. Schutt stated that Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum would like Assistant Solicitor Rawlson to handle this issue. Assistant Solicitor Rawlson will meet with Mr. Lawrence first to obtain all information from him.

**Robert Harootunian** appeared to represent Harbor Street Common Association and thanked the City and the City Council for helping in assisting the residents of this Association during the recent flood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).