

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-APRIL 28, 2008-

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, April 28, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci (left the meeting at 9:15 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

Also Present: Ernest Carlucci, Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Corsino Delgado, Director of Finance; Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works.

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

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

“SWEARING IN OF RAYMOND C. COIA AS CRANSTON MUNICIPAL COURT AUXILIARY JUDGE”

Judge Fred Joslyn, Municipal Court Judge, appeared to speak and commended Mr. Coia and welcomed him as Auxiliary Judge.

Council Vice-President McFarland issued Oath of Office to Mr. Coia and presented him with a Citation.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the name of Raymond C. Coia was placed as a nominee for the position of Municipal Court Auxiliary Judge. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

“CITATION FOR WILLIAM GUGLIETTA, FORMER CRANSTON MUNICIPAL COURT AUXILIARY JUDGE”

Council President Garabedian stated that this will be continued to next month’s meeting.

“CITATION FOR TRACEY CROCE FOR EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP”

Councilman Santamaria presented Citation to Ms. Croce.

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“BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 6 EAGLE SCOUTS”

Councilman Santamaria and Council President Garabedian presented Citations to the members of the Troop 6.

Council President Garabedian asked if there are any objections to taking out of order the Resolution naming the “Michael P. Varrato, Jr., Little League Field”. No one objected.

VI. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION NAMING ‘THE MICHAEL P. VARRATO, JR., LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Mr. Varrato was presented with a Citation from the City Council.

Council President Garabedian asked if there is any objection to taking out of order the presentation by State DOT regarding the State Farm Cemetery. No one objected.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

“STATE FARM CEMETERY – CARPIONATO’S REFUSAL TO PERMIT PLACEMENT OF BURIAL MARKERS BY STATE DOT”

Mike Hebert, of DOT, appeared to speak.

Councilman Lupino asked why this issue is before the Council and if Carpionato was notified of this meeting and also if there is anyone present from Carpionato. No one appeared to represent Carpionato. Mr. Hebert stated that he was advised that Kelly Coates of Carpionato would be present this evening.

Mr. Hebert stated that removal of remains is by Ordinance of the Council and the reason this item was requested to be placed on the docket is because Carpionato will not comply. There are three markers that would go on Carpionato’s property, which they will not allow.

Councilman Livingston questioned if the Council has authority to tell a property owner to have markers placed on their property. Mr. Sciolto stated that he is concerned that Carpionato is not present this evening.

Ms. Wall stated that she sent Carpionato a letter regarding this meeting and it was her understanding that someone would be present this evening.

Mr. Sciolto stated that he would like to review this matter and hold this discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Hebert gave a power point presentation and stated that there are seven markers that need to be placed, three of which would be on Carpionato’s property, which they will not allow. DOT would like to place the remaining four markers and would like the approval to do that.

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Councilman Navarro asked if there is a reason why Carpionato will not allow the markers on his property. Mr. Hebert stated, no.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to continue this hearing to the May Council meeting, since Carpionato is not present and the Solicitor would like to review this issue.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Hebert stated that he does not mind coming back next month, but he would like permission to start the reburial.

Robert Stromberg of DOT stated that DOT would like to start the reburial as soon as possible.

Bruce Vail invited the Council to re a reburial on May 31, 2008 at North Burial Ground.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this item to next month and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

"REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR *DET. CHARLES MULLINS*, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT"

Mr. Carlucci appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

"REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION ROLL *SGT. RAYMOND J. ANGELL*, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT"

Mr. Carlucci appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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**“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON DISABILITY PENSION JEANETTE CLARK,
CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

Mr. Carlucci appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve the above request.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Livingston asked if Ms. Clark has met all the requirements. Mr. Carlucci stated that she has medical documentation stating that she no longer is able to perform her duties.

Councilman Navarro asked how long Ms. Clark has been with the Police Department. Mr. Carlucci stated approximately 14-15 years.

Councilman Livingston asked how Ms. Clark was injured. Mr. Carlucci stated that he does not have the documents with him, but it was a career pending back injury. Councilman Livingston stated he would like more information regarding this matter, possibly in Executive Session. Mr. Carlucci stated that this is a routine disability pension request, similar to ones approved in the past by the Council.

Councilman Lupino stated that all he has is a letter from Ms. Clerk. There should be a note attached stating that all requirements have been met.

After a brief recess and Mr. Carlucci providing additional information to the Council, roll call was taken and motion to approve request passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian –7. Council Member Bucci and Council Vice-President McFarland were not present for roll call vote.

**“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION ROLL CAPT. LEE J. GENDREAU,
CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”**

Mr. Carlucci appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

**“REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR STEPHEN CROFT,
CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”**

Mr. Carlucci appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

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

Mr. Carlucci presented documents to the Council.

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III. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

“STATUS REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF CAMERA AND TRUCK FOR STORM DRAIN ANALYSIS”

Mr. Sylvia stated that he has continued to make progress to retrofit the truck for the camera. Hopefully, within a month, we should have camera capability on our truck.

Council Vice-President McFarland asked where the funding is going to come from. **Mr. Sylvia** stated that no funds need to be expended, since we are selling our equipment, we will be receiving money. We are hoping to sell the equipment to Veolia Water. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that we are selling equipment to them and after the lease is up with Veolia, will they turn that equipment over to the City or would it belong to them. Mr. Sylvia stated that he would think that this equipment would not be efficient in 19-20 years. Council Vice-President McFarland asked what assets are the City's and what assets are not. We really should be keeping track of what assets are the City's and which ones are not. This is of concern to her. Mr. Sylvia stated that the assets are itemized within the contract. He would think the equipment list would have to be modified if this equipment is sold to them, this should be part of the assets within the contract.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President McFarland:

Development of Gibbs Property - Council Vice-President McFarland stated that she spoke to Mr. Carlucci regarding this matter.

Brewery Parkade Condition and Maintenance of Property - Council Vice-President McFarland stated that she spoke to Mr. Carlucci regarding this matter and she and the Administration will be working on this issue.

Breakdown of Atty. Marzilli's Legal Fees – Mr. Carlucci provided documents to the Council regarding this issue.

List of Toxic Sites – Council Vice-President McFarland stated that Mr. Carlucci provided this information to her.

Councilman Lupino:

YTD Legal Fees for Individual Attorneys and or Firms – Mr. Carlucci presented documents to the Council.

Councilman Lupino questioned why there is a redaction in the report. He also stated that he would like a breakdown by what has been paid by attorney.

Councilman Barone asked why the Solicitor and Attorney Marzilli's names show up quite a bit on the report. Mr. Sciolto stated that his salary is based on 15 hours a week and anything above and beyond, he bills the City at an hourly rate of \$100 per hour.

Council Vice-President McFarland requested a breakdown on more detail on all the attorneys.

Councilman Lupino reported that some construction has started for the installation of the traffic light at Scituate Ave. and Pippin Orchard Rd.

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V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Suzanne Arena, 62 Glen View Dr., appeared to speak regarding the camera for storm drains and stated that she has seen nothing in what she has heard regarding this new equipment, that is going to be better for the taxpayers. She would like to see that this is a fiscally sound investment. She indicated that she has e-mailed and telephoned Mr. Sylvia a number of times with questions and concerns regarding this issue and has not received any response. **Mr. Sylvia** stated that he is proposing to retrofit an existing truck that would fit a camera that benefits the City. He stated that as to the questions and concerns of Ms. Arena, if she would like to meet with him, he would be more than happy to discuss this issue with her.

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to speak and stated that Miller's Crossing, who is his client, is listed on the docket as a Class D and should be listed as a Class BV. He asked that this be continued to a future date in order for it to be posted correctly.

VI. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION NAMING THE ‘MICHAEL P. VARRATO, JR., LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD”

Vote on this Resolution was taken earlier in the meeting.

“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL H7862 FOR REPAIR OF CITY ROADS BY PROVIDENCE WATER AUTHORITY”

Council Vice-President McFarland asked to be added as a co-sponsor of this Resolution.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

“RESOLUTION IN SUPORT OF SENATE BILL 2650 THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT”

Councilmen Navarro, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland asked to be added as co-sponsors of this Resolution.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Council Vice-President McFarland asked that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the School Committee.

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“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STREET NAME CHANGE FROM ROSELAND STREET TO ROSELAND AVENUE”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

“RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 7 SECTION 7.07 OF THE CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER”

“RESOLUTOIN PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 13 SECTION 13.01 OF THE CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER”

Councilman Barone asked that the above two Resolutions be continued.

VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE
(Paula McFarland, Chair)**

2-08-5 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘BUILDING CODE’ (HISTORIC CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY)”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Terence Livingston, Chair)**

3-08-1 “ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2008 CLASS 1, TYPE III RESCUE TRUCK”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Livingston, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Council Member Bucci left the meeting.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIALS - APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER, EXCEPT FOR NICHOLAS MORELLI”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the list of interest waiver denials as recommended by City Treasurer with the exception of Nicholas Morelli. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS – APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER, WITH THE ADDITION OF NICHOLAS MORELLI”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the list of interest waiver approvals as recommended by City Treasurer with the addition of Nicholas Morelli. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“RECONSIDERATION OF TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIAL OF ELIZABETH HOBBY ON MARCH 24, 2008 – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to reconsider the above tax interest waiver denial and approve the recommendation of the Committee to approve the interest waiver. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“RECONSIDERATION OF TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIAL OF WILLIAM & DEBRA ARRIGHIE ON MARCH 24, 2008 – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF BY COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIAL DENIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80.00”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to reconsider the above tax interest waiver denial and approve the recommendation of the Committee to approve partial denial in the amount of \$80.00. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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Council Vice-President McFarland stated that over the weekend, a number of Council members met with Mr. Steven Bloom regarding the budget and at that meeting, a number of items came up, one of which was a tax freeze for low-income residents. She asked the Finance Chair that we need to have the Administration move quickly to find out whether or not we need to have that sent to the General Assembly for approval and the Tax Assessor and Finance Director need to get the number regarding this.

**SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE
(John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair)**

**“CLASS D ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – MILLER’S CROSSING, 43
OLD BALD HILL RD.”**

This item is continued to May 13, 2008 at 6:45 P.M.

**3-07-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10 OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Honeysuckle Dr.)”**

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

**3-08-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Garden Hills Parkway and Garden
Hills Dr.)”**

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Lupino -1.

**3-08-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.32 OF TITLE
10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005,
ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Independence
Way and Plainfield Pike)’**

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS
(Anthony J. Lupino, Chair)**

“RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS FOR: Robert Blackburn \$50.00; John M. Zito \$50.00; Kristin Cook \$64.00; Maria Amorim & her attorney Andrew Alberino \$2,000; Jacqueline, William & Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Clotilde Rigg \$39.26; Paul Janaway \$50.00; Patricia G. Reynolds \$79.34; Thomas E. Luzier \$50.00; Patricia & Kenneth Krueger \$190.00; Cheryl Nystrom \$92.53; Louis Ciorlano \$50.00.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the above-listed claims. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. Councilman Livingston abstained.

VII. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Re-appointment of Robert Baute and Jack Fradin

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to re-appoint **ROBERT BAUTE** and **JACK FRADIN** as members of the **Audit Committee**. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

JUVENILE HEARING BOAD – Re-appointment of Raymond C. Coia

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to re-appoint **RAYMOND C. COIA** as a member of the **Juvenile Hearing Board**. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

VIII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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X. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

Public Works Committee - May 15, 2008

Request from National Grid for pole location at Station St.

Petition for Abandonment of a portion of Moon Ave.

Finance Committee – May 15, 2008

4-08-1 Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Western Cranston Impact Fees for Natick Ave. (Natick Ave. Engineering Study).

Ordinance Committee – May 15, 2008

4-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Essex St. and Reservoir Ave.).

4-08-3 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Violation of Posted Weight Limit – Natick Ave. Bridge).

Claims Committee

*Emily Caetano

*Ryan Flodin

*Katie Volino

*Stephen McManus

*Christopher Moses

*Andrew Henault

*Walter L. Craddock

*Lisa Tanner

*Cranston Citizens for Responsible Zoning & Development

*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

“STATE FARM CEMETERY – CARPIONATO’S REFUSAL TO PERMIT PLACEMENT OF BURIAL MARKERS BY STATE DOT”

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

“NATIONAL GRID – PRESENTATION REGARDING INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT (Transformer Replacements in Cranston)”

No one appeared to represent the utility company. City Clerk stated that a company representative was to be present this evening. The matter was continued to next month.

“KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY – TARIFF INCREASE WITH PUC NOTICE OF FILING OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION”

The city clerk stated that these documents are on file and available in her office.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Suzanne Arena, 62 Glen View Dr., appeared to speak and stated that this should be the forum for citizens to hold accountable our elected officials or department heads when they do not answer telephone calls or e-mails. She would like Mr. Sylvia to answer her questions via e-mail so there is a paper trail. She does not want a meeting with him as he suggested earlier. She asked for Cullion environmental site assessment status. Mr. Sciolto stated that Phase 1 has to be satisfactory before any taking of land.

Paul Valetta, President of Firefighters Union, appeared to speak and invited the Council to the first Fire Department promotional ceremony in five years, which will be held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet on May 13, 2008. The City Clerk reminded the Council of the earlier reference to a meeting on this date. **Councilman Lanni** stated they would reschedule that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).