

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

Present: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier, Vice-Chair
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro

Absent: Council Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews

Also Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Mayor Allan Fung
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Anthony Cipriano, City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
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 Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Public Speakers:

Diana Gordon, 363 Pontiac Ave., appeared to speak in favor of Ordinance 7-09-2. She stated that she owns Antiques In The Attic and this Ordinance would help her business.

7-09-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel” (Authorized Use of Municipal Vehicles).

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Ms. Schutt stated that this is a cleanup Ordinance to make sure people who do take City vehicles home are allowed and people who are not allowed, do not. The Supervisor of Highway is the only one who would be allowed to take a vehicle home and there are no more Foremen in Highway and Recreation do not take the vehicle home. No one appeared to oppose.

Motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.

7-09-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32.650 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Norfolk St. 2 Hr. Parking).

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino asked who will be monitoring this Ordinance. Acting Colonel Palombo stated that these Ordinances are enforced by the Police Department. Typically, the Police Officer would go to the area when there is a complaint or a Police Officer drives by.

Councilman Lupino stated that this does affect school kids. This is creating a burden. There is a parking problem in the City Hall parking lot and with Park Theatre opening soon, they have an agreement with the City to use the lot after 4:30 p.m. This Ordinance would be pushing the problem off on other streets in the area.

Ms. Schutt stated that this request came from a very concerned group of Park Ave. residents.

Resident of 56 Norfolk St., appeared to speak and stated that this Ordinance does not affect just Haywood St. He can't get in his driveway 90% of the time.

Motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.

7-09-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32.040 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled ‘Motor Vehicles and Traffic’ (RIPTA Park Ave.).

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

7-09-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Hazelton St. and West View Ave.).

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto asked that the Administration have the Traffic Engineer, within the next three to four months, look at signs in the City to see if there is a corresponding Ordinance in the Code because there are citations issued and when it goes to Municipal Court, the violation is dismissed if there is no Ordinance on the books.

Motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.

7-09-5 Ordinance authorizing the Purchasing Agent to lease a portion of 155 Gansett Ave., Cranston, RI (Peter Pastore Youth Center).

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto asked if this will cost the City any money. Mr. Cordy stated that this lease is very similar to the original signed lease in 1998. He stated that there are minimal changes and stated what those changes are.

Councilman Navarro asked if there the City is exempt from liability. Mr. Cordy stated that he does not believe there is any exemption from the City being sued by anyone, but we do have liability insurance. Anthony Liberatore, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the insurance is \$1 million per occurrence.

Motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees