

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works 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 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Council Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews

Absent: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
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 Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Ms. Schutt stated that Mr. Cordy is not present at this time, but there is not much new information to report. Mr. Cordy is continuing to work with Senator Reed's Office regarding this.

5-09-13S Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 13.08 of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services-Sewer Service System". (Tabled 5/14/2009 and 6/11/2009)

Chair asked Solicitor if this Ordinance can be removed from the agenda until the Committee has more definitive information, since it has been tabled for several months. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he would prefer it be left on the agenda for one more month.

This Ordinance will remain tabled.

Sewer Connection request: Pro-Tec (Chris Bodyne), Johnston, RI. (Tabled 5/14/2009, 6/11/2009 and 7/16/2009).

This item will remain tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pole Location for Park Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Pole Location for Greylock Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Use of Stimulus Money for Installation of Check Valves.

Councilman Pelletier stated that at the last City Council meeting, he requested that this item be placed on this agenda. He has a constituent, Mr. Callahan, who lives on Amanda Court, and who has had numerous claims filed against the City for flood damage. He stated that since this road is being dug up, he thinks this would be the opportunity to introduce the check valves to Mr. Callahan. He had asked Mr. Callahan to attend this meeting, but he is not present.

Ms. Schutt stated that at this point, there is nothing in the stimulus money that would allow for this, although, there is an Ordinance on the books that anyone who lives below grade, is required to have a check valve in their home.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum cautioned that before the City promises check valves to anyone, we need to differentiate if the problems are due to below line area or from something inherited from the sewer system.

Public Speakers:

Joe Corso, 129 Amanda St., appeared to speak and stated that many of the residents in this area have manual shut off valves, which were installed by the City over twenty years

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees