

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, August 25, 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 8:45 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland (left the meeting at 8:45 P.M.) and Council President Garabedian –9.

Also Present: Mayor Michael Napolitano; Ernest Carlucci, Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Corsino Delgado, Director of Finance; Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

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

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

“CITATIONS FOR 2008 RI STATE CHAMPIONS – WESTERN CRANSTON LITTLE LEAGUE”

Citations were presented by Council President Garabedian and Councilman Santamaria.

“CITATIONS FOR 2008 RI STATE CHAMPIONS – CRANSTON NATIONAL BUDLONG LITTLE LEAGUE (GIRLS FAST PITCH 13 YR. OLD)”

Citations were presented by Mayor Napolitano and Councilman Navarro.

Councilman Barone commended Anthony Liberatore, Director of Parks and Recreation, for all his hard work in preparing the fields for these athletes to have a place to play on.

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II. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Update on Caruolo Action Filed by School Committee

Mayor Napolitano appeared to speak and stated that the School Committee action known as the Caruolo action, has been decided by the Judge and he has asked the City's attorneys, Matt Oliverio and Christine Curley, to present a brief synopsis of what transpired. He stated that he is happy to announce that the City won the decision on all counts.

Matt Oliverio, Esq., stated that he received the decision from the Court via e-mail at approximately 5:15 this afternoon. The highlights are: The lawsuit was filed in May by the School Department. We tried the case over a period of two weeks. The Mayor and the City Council filed their own action for injunctive relief in the form of a Writ of Mandamus asking that the School Department adhere to the budget that was adopted. The Court was very attentive throughout the two week trial. At least a dozen witnesses testified at that trial. The Judge, in her decision, essentially faulted the School Committee finding that the deficit over the course of the year was compounding and they could not provide an explanation as to why that was happening. The Judge also found and rejected the School's argument that the Caruolo Act stood alone. She also requested that the School Department file a comprehensive corrective action plan to address the significant deficit for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 year not only with the City Council and the Mayor, but also with the Auditor General. He stated that the Judge will hold in abeyance the City's claim for injunctive relief for a hiring freeze until the audit is complete.

Attorney Curley stated that one significant thing is that the Court dismissed a lot of the procedural arguments made by the School Committee.

Attorney Oliverio stated that one thing the Judge stated that the Caruolo Act is not to be used as a budget plug.

Councilman Navarro asked if the School Committee would be able to appeal this decision. Attorney Oliverio stated, yes.

Update on Safe Routes to Schools

Officer Al Davis appeared to speak and stated that on September 24, 2008, the Safe Routes National Program will hold a seminar in Cranston. He presented personal invitations for the Council members to attend and stated that this is an opportunity to learn how this program works and have any questions answered by the people from the National workshop. He also stated that 125 people have been invited, such as School Officials, Police, Fire, PTO members, PTG members, City Planners and Engineers, and hope that they all will attend. Councilman Lupino asked if there will be an online presentation for Council members who cannot attend due to their work schedule. Mr. Carlucci stated that the Administration will have someone attend this workshop to put a synopsis together for the members of the Council who cannot attend.

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

No discussion was held.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

“OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR 275 ATWOOD AVE. (former Police property)”

Council President Garabedian stated that this will be continued to next month's meeting and he asked the Solicitor to address the reason for this.

Mr. Sciolto stated that he and Mr. Quinlan agreed that the advertising timing was a problem, whereby the Charter states that there must be two advertising dates and the second shall be two weeks prior to the meeting. Two weeks elapsed this Wednesday. The Charter provision contains certain language that should be included in the advertisement. The conclusion by him and Mr. Quinlan was that the advertisement was flawed. He noted that there were no bids as of today.

“ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS REPORT ON PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CITY'S RODENT ISSUE”

Mayor Napolitano stated that Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works and representatives from Griggs and Brown and also Steve Iacobucci, Rodent Control Officer, Doug Smith, Minimum Housing Inspector and Steve Rioles, Acting Building Official are in attendance this evening at his request.

Mr. Sylvia stated that he became aware of a rodent problem on July 11, 2007 in the Jordan Ave. area. He worked with the City's Rodent Control Officer. He has put together a list of the areas, not just in this neighborhood, but nearby neighborhoods who are effected with the rodent problem. The City will be sending out a mailing with educational materials asking people to do things differently on their properties. In addition to that, he has been working with the Minimum Housing Department, whether it be issues of abandoned properties or grass needing to be cut. In addition to that, an outside consultant (Griggs and Brown) has been brought on. He will be working on drafting a proposal and its cost to the City.

Councilman Livingston stated that part of the Administration's report was to address what is being done with the rodent problem on Brookside, where a resident was bit by a rat where there is an abandoned home. Mr. Sylvia stated that this area will also be addressed. Councilman Livingston asked when the owner of this property will be brought before Municipal Court. Ms. Sciolto stated that this is set for September 11, 2008.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that we should use the technology and put a lot of the information for the public regarding this problem on the City's website. We should implement a trash container system in the City, providing the containers to the residents, similar to Providence and Warwick. She stated that at the last meeting, Council President Garabedian asked for weekly updates and a month later, there have been no updates. There needs to be better communication.

Councilman Lanni asked if any commercial properties have been cited for having open containers. Mr. Sylvia stated, yes. Councilman Lanni asked if any residential properties have been cited. Doug Smith, Minimum Housing Inspector, stated, yes. Councilman Lanni stated that the education material to be sent out to the residents should include also material on how to handle dead rats.

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Mayor Napolitano stated that under Section 8.36.05 the property owners are responsible for rodent issues on their property. The City needs to deputize some people authorized by the Director of Public Works and go street by street and cite property owners. The owners can be fined \$200 per day. We need to determine the number of people needed to go out and cite violators, if they do not correct the problem then the City will do the clean up and place lien on property.

Doug Smith, Minimum Housing Inspector, stated that all tickets need to be reprinted as a result of the Code re-codification in 2005. He stated that he does not know the number of people that would be needed to adequately address the problem City wide. Councilman Livingston thanked Mr. Sylvia and Mr. Iacobucci, and he thanked the Administration for dealing with Brookside quickly.

Mr. Sylvia stated that he will be sending educational materials to the entire City in order to avoid any problems with people saying that they did not receive a notice.

David Spicer of Griggs and Brown appeared to speak and stated that rats may nest five yards down and may travel several hundred feet.

Councilman Lupino indicated that the following properties have been excavated: the Brewery Parkade; the Trolley Barn; a home on Garfield Ave., which was demolished, and more recently, the former NHD building. There is an Ordinance on the books, which states that when a property is demolished, the owner is to make sure the property is rodent-free, and he asked if this has been done by these properties. Mr. Sylvia stated that as to the former NHD building, prior to the City issuing a demolishing permit, they did file the correct paperwork. As to the other properties, he was not employed by the City at the time, he does not have that information.

Councilman Navarro stated that the City should be pro-active in helping with the elderly, widows and disabled and people who cannot afford to purchase appropriate trash receptacles.

Councilman Barone commended Mr. Sylvia and his staff in working on getting educational material to the residents, but we need to address the problem now, and get the rodents out of the neighborhoods. We need to get the consultants out there, we have the funds and the Council has agreed to spend these funds to correct this problem.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that we need to get the ticketing back. It was working very well a few years ago when the ticketing was being done.

Mayor Napolitano suggested passing an amended budget for immediate consideration to solve this problem as quickly as possible because this is a health and safety issue to the residents of the City. He asked for any suggestions on how much money we should allocate. Councilman Lanni stated that Mr. Woerner has stated that this area would qualify for CDBG money, and if not, we would come up with the funds. Mayor Napolitano stated that he will check with the Director of Community Development to see if this area would qualify and could come up with funds for this area.

Council Vice-President McFarland apologized that she needs to leave the meeting early due to an early flight in the morning to Chicago for her job.

Council President Garabedian asked that Mr. Sylvia submit a proposal to the Administration as soon as possible for the Council to address. Councilman Santamaria asked that the Mayor get the Inspections Department help with the inspections because that department cannot handle the problem with the staff it has.

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III. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Lupino:

Sockanosset Crossroad and New London Ave. Traffic Study

Councilman Lupino referred to the e-mail from Dave Ferguson, Traffic Engineer, which was included in the Council's packet this evening and stated that this is not a traffic study. Councilman Lupino stated that he had asked for this several months ago. He spoke to Councilman Barone and Councilman Barone stated to him that Carpionato did do a traffic study and gave it to Mr. Ferguson. He asked where this traffic study is and why Mr. Ferguson is not present this evening. Mr. Sylvia stated that the traffic study is underway and in development. The scope of the study has been expanded between Sockanosset Crossroad and the off ramp of Route 37. Councilman Lupino asked why this was presented this evening and not earlier, since he asked for this months ago. He did stop at his home today and received this e-mail at 4:15 today. This has to stop. When a request for information is made by the Council and there is a delay, he would like the Council to be made aware of the delay in advance of the meeting and not at the last minute. Councilman Barone stated that he did speak to someone from Carpionato today and was told that the traffic study was completed and forwarded to the Traffic Engineer, but does not recall when.

Natick Ave. Engineering Study Report

This item was continued.

Councilman Santamaria:

Update on Sale of Former Police Station Site

No discussion.

Councilman Livingston:

Report from Solicitor Regarding Repair of Roads – Providence Water

No discussion.

Councilman Barone:

List of Roads to be Paved

Councilman Barone asked when the Council will be provided with a list of roads that are going to be paved. Mr. Sylvia stated that he has a list now and is preparing bid documents so we can solicit bids. Council President Garabedian asked that the City Council be provided with this list.

Councilman Navarro:

Recycling Program

Councilman Navarro announced that the City received \$193,000 for the Recycling Program. He suggested that the City look into utilizing some of that money to increase our recycling program so the amount of money we receive can increase. He also stated that he was very impressed with the numbers the City has received in recycling.

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V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Albert Benetti, 24 Concord Ave., appeared to speak as a member of the 1996 Charter Review Commission and stated that twenty four of twenty six proposals were approved by the voters and he is proud of what that Commission accomplished. He spoke regarding the Resolution creating a new Charter Review Commission and stated to the Council that they have to appoint people with integrity on this Commission and rely on their report. Otherwise, the Council should just pass referendums without a Commission.

Ken Tavares, 10 Marlborough St., appeared to speak regarding the recent Caruolo Action decision that came down today. As to the hiring freeze, he asked if this would effect such things as speech therapists because he has a special needs child who needs a speech therapist. Council President Garabedian asked that Mr. Tavares be patient since this decision just came in today. This is a question for the School Committee and the School Department to answer.

Jeffrey Johansen, 49 Berkeley St., appeared to speak and presented a letter addressed to the Council and also pictures. He stated that 51 Doane St. and 59 Doane St. have trees and grass overgrown. Nothing has been done with these two properties. This has been reported to the Mayor's Office and the Public Works Department. Council President Garabedian stated that these issues will be forwarded to the Mayor's Office and he asked that if Mr. Johansen does not see any action in two days, he call him at 641-5855. Councilman Santamaria indicated that an Ordinance will be passed, where the City will be able to go on the properties and clean them up.

Susan Sears appeared to speak and stated that at the last meeting, the Public Works Department was given 30 days to come up with a plan to address the rodent problem and one of the Council members interrupted and stated fourteen days. Her concern is why did the City wait until the 30th day to bring in Griggs and Brown. She hopes that something will happen very quickly to solve this problem.

Vittorio Mangione, 866 Park Ave., appeared to speak and stated that he has had rodent problem for four years at his home. He was informed by the Public Works Department three years ago, when he called with the problem, that because he is not the property owner, there is nothing the City could do. Council President Garabedian asked that Mr. Mangione speak to Mr. Sylvia regarding this.

Stephanie Gerardi, 50 Berkley St., appeared to speak and stated that there has been no resolution to the rodent problem since the day she reported it.

Amanda Shea, 38 Crescent Ave., appeared to speak and stated that she has been very patient with the Public Works Department. She has lived with the rat problem since October 29, 2005. Her children have not been able to use the yard or their swing set because of rat feces all over her yard.

Council Vice-President McFarland and Council Member Bucci left the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

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VI. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Council President Garabedian passed the gavel to Councilman Lanni. Council President Garabedian addressed the Resolution stating “two-third vote of the Council” and noted that the Council does not have the power to put in a two-third vote required. This is in direct violation of the Charter and the Council Rules.

Council President Garabedian motioned to delete “two third vote required” and add “majority vote”.

Mr. Quinlan quoted Section 3.09 of the Charter, which states “affirmative vote of all members, which would be five members”, but he would like more time to review this. There are seven or eight areas in the Charter that would require two third vote.

Councilman Lupino seconded the motion made by Council President Garabedian.

Under Discussion to original motion:

Councilman Barone stated that he agrees with the statement made by Mr. Benetti, whereby if the Council rejects recommendations by the Charter Review Commission, then do what we have been doing, since he has been on the Council, just make the change and put it before the voters.

Under Discussion to motion made by Council President Garabedian:

Councilman Navarro asked if the Charter Review Commission requires two thirds on their recommendations that are forwarded to the Council. The Commission should have the authority to put their recommendations before the voters. If the Council is going to review and deny them, then don't create a Commission. Councilman Lupino stated that he would assume that the Commission would act under Robert's Rules of Order just like other Council Sub-Committees.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend Resolution to delete “two third vote” and add “majority vote” and motion failed on a vote of 4-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro, Barone and Council President Garabedian - 4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lanni, Livingston and Santamaria -3.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to continue the above Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -5. the following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Lupino and Council President Garabedian -2.

“RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE CITY AND TOWN COUNCILS TO RATIFY SCHOOL TEACHER CONTRACTS AND ALL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACTS”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Resolution was adopted 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 President Garabedian left the meeting at 10:10 P.M.

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VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (Terence Livingston, Chair)

“ADVICE AND CONSENT OF MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF KYLE L. BRIDGEFARMER AS BUILDING OFFICIAL” (Referred without Recommendation)”

Mr. Carlucci asked that this be tabled until next month.

This item will remain tabled.

“REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM TIE IN PROGRAM”

Mr. Sylvia asked that this be continued, since there is a meeting this week with Providence Water.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to continue the above item. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to continue the above item. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS – AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to continue the above item. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (Maria A. Bucci, Chair)

8S-08-3 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT RELATING TO A CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LOCATED AT 845 PARK AVE.”

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

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8S-08-4 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT RELATING TO A WOODRIDGE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LOCATED AT 401 BUDLONG RD.”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

8S-08-5 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT RELATING TO A BUDLONG POOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LOCATED AT AQUEDUCT RD.”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

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

“RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS FOR: Jacqueline, William & Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Donna Gallagher \$929.99; Christy’s Auto Sales \$4,278.58; Kevin Leeman \$1,231.73.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the above-listed claims. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -5. Councilman Livingston abstained.

VII. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

CRANSTON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Re-appointment of Nancy M. Davis; Henry Priest; Frank Montanaro.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to re-appoint **NANCY M. DAVIS; HENRY PRIEST** and **FRANK MONTANARO** as members of the **Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees**. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -6.

VIII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

“FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ICE RINK FROM CITY COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDITOR”

Mr. Woerner stated that the projections show \$70,000 surplus for the year.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

Councilman Barone asked that the Rules be suspended and take out of order the appeal of People’s Liquor. No one objected to this.

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XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

“APPEAL OF PEOPLE’S LIQUOR WAREHOUSE OF CRANSTON, LLC FROM DENIAL BY SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE OF TRANSFER OF CLASS A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FROM PEOPLE’S LIQUOR WAREHOUSE OF CRANSTON, LLC, 200 GARFIELD AVE., EMILY HARONIAN (100% Stockholder) Peter Furness – RECEIVER FOR CORP. TO CRANSTON WINES & MORE, INC., 1451 Elmwood Ave., Emily Haronian (100% stockholder)”

Joe Keough, Esq., appeared to represent Cranston Wines & More.

Peter Furness, Esq., Receiver, appeared to speak and stated that four bids were received and he took the highest bid, who was Emily Haronian.

Councilman Livingston motioned to grant the appeal and approve this transfer. No one seconded this motion.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to grant this appeal and approve the transfer.

Under Discussion:

Representative Robert Jacquard appeared to represent Morin’s Liquors on Elmwood Ave. and Capital Liquors on Park Ave., who strongly object to this transfer. These two establishments have made substantial investments in their businesses. If this transfer is allowed, Morin’s Liquor will be closed due to the competition. Morin’s Liquor is within walking distance of the proposed location for this transfer. He thinks the Council is well within their right to deny this transfer.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to grant this appeal. The following voted “aye”: Councilmen Lupino and Livingston -2. The following voted “nay”: Councilmen Lanni, Navarro, Santamaria and Barone -4.

Council members asked for clarification of motion.

Mr. Quinlan stated that Section 3.09 of the Rules state that for a motion to pass it would have to be by five votes and since it was not, motion failed and is considered a denied.

X. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

Ordinance Committee – September 11, 2008

- 8-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel” (Historical Cemeteries Commission).**
- 8-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 12.20 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Parks and Recreational Facilities” (Still House Cove Park).**
- 8-08-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel” (Redevelopment Agency).**
- 8-08-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (School Budget and Officials’ Liability).**
- 8-08-5 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2.32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Harbor Master”.**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above items were referred to the Ordinance Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, and Barone -5. Councilman Livingston was not present for roll call vote.

Safety Services and Licenses Committee – September 8, 2008

- 8-08-6 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5 of Chapter 5.12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations-Alcoholic Beverage Licenses” (Alcohol-BYOB Prohibited).**
- 8-08-7 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Arthur St., Orchard St. and Hodsell St.).**
- 8-08-8 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Garden St., Hodsell St. and Arthur St.).**
- 8-08-9 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Salem Ave. and West View Ave.).**

Ordinance Committee – October 16, 2008

- 8-08-10 Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan of 1992 (Glen Hills Section).**

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, and Barone -6.

Claims Committee

- *Carolyn Tattrie
- *Anthony Strong
- *Michael and Maria Rosa
- *Brian Varney
- *Richard E. Crowell, Jr., Esq.
- *CCRDZ

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Claims were referred to the Claims Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, and Barone -6.

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XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Greg Merka, Historical Society member, appeared to speak regarding a rumor that the cannons are going to be removed from the Rolfe Street area. These are historic and were given to the City and belong to the City. In speaking with Council President Garabedian, he is very much in favor of preserving these cannons. He asked that the City propose a Resolution doing this.

Councilman Livingston asked that the Solicitor review this and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).