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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Vice-Chair
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Council Vice-President Robert J. Pelletier
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Absent: Councilman James E. Donahue

Also Present: Councilman Michael Favicchio
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria
Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration
Mark Capuano, Deputy Director of Administration
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, 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:

10-11-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone – New London Ave.). (Cont. from 11/17/2011). [\[click here to view\]](#)

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

John Bolton, Esq. appeared to represent Chapel Associates and stated the following proposals:

- 90,522 sq. ft. increase in the building area of the development
- Changing the circulation around the building
- Midway and Sockanosset – make this a full access into the development
- Proposing to change the circulation around the building where Johnny Rockets is located
- Sockanosset and New London Ave. – proposing a new right turn in only from Sockanosset into the parking deck
- One of the tenants his client is looking to have in this development is a Paul Mitchell Trade School. They are looking to add permitted use for a Trade School.

Council President Lupino asked how many jobs these proposals would bring. **Kelly Coates**, Senior Vice-President of Carpionato, stated approximately 84 onsite full-time jobs.

Councilman Navarro commended Mr. Coates and Carpionato in this development in these hard economic times, however, his concern would always be traffic flow on Sockanosset. As long as traffic flow is addressed, he is in favor of making these changes.

Councilman Favicchio concurred with Councilman Navarro.

Kelly Coates stated that Carpionato had three traffic engineering firms analyze the traffic situation. Anything bad on this road is bad for the development.

Steven Garofalo, Traffic Engineer, appeared to speak and stated that the City's Traffic Engineer has no objections to the proposed left hand turn on Midway Rd.

Council Vice-President Pelletier motioned to move the question. No one seconded the motion.

Council Vice-President Pelletier left the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Mr. Cordy stated that Mr. Coates and his experts have worked very closely with the Planning Department and Traffic Engineer and the Planning Commission unanimously approved this request and the Administration supports this request.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of the above Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Committee to develop a redistricting plan for the six Wards of the City of Cranston. [\[click here to view\]](#)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Navarro stated that he would like to amend this Resolution to add Council members on the Committee. He feels it is very important to have Council members on this Committee, especially because it is political. Previous Committees had Council members on the board.

Councilman Navarro motioned to amend this Resolution as follows: line 26 after “Board of Canvassers”, add “and also two members of the City Council appointed by the Majority Leader and one member of the City Council appointed by the Minority Leader”. Councilman Stycos seconded the motion.

Council President Lupino stated that there is representation in the Board of Canvassers. They will be able to meet longer sessions than Council members because they can meet during the day, which Council members have a problem meeting during the day. Adding Council members may hinder the process. There is a strict timeframe to do this. Action is required by February.

Councilman Santamaria suggested having one of the Council members from each Party sit in on the meetings to act as a liaison.

Council President Lupino stated that adding three Council members would make the composition of the Committee with six members. There needs to be an odd number for vote purposes.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend the above Resolution and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion took place on the Resolution as amended.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Council President Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Resolution as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees