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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier, Vice-Chair
Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Michelle Bergin

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
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 HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

Cranston Green Building Commission Final Report

Kenneth Filarski, member of the Cranston Green Building Commission, appeared to present the Commission's report. He stated that the Commission recognizes the work the City is doing right now and the work of non-profits. The Commission has six recommendations. He explained the Commission's recommendations.

Councilman Lupino addressed the Administration and indicated to #5 in the Commission's report regarding Impact Fees, and stated that we should strongly look at the application for this particular grant.

Chair thanked Mr. Filarski, members of the Commission and Mr. Cordy for the work done on this.

Mr. Filarski thanked Jason Pezzullo in the Planning Department and the Intern in the Planning Department for their help.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Chair stated that he ran into Kevin Flynn and was advised that the Cranston Comprehensive Plan has not been presented to the State yet. He asked Mr. LaPolla what the hold up is and Mr. LaPolla indicated to him that they are doing some changes to the font. Chair stated that he wants this Plan submitted before the end of this year. Ms. Schutt stated that Mr. LaPolla would like to have a professional report presented and it has taken several months longer than expected. He advised her today that he will be submitting it within the next few days.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

NRCS Stimulus Easements update

Mr. Cordy stated that three projects were under the NRCS. All the easement money paid to the City is set in a line item account.

Councilman Navarro asked if the Blackamore Pond project will alleviate some of the issues going on in that area and what is entailed in the project. Mr. Cordy stated that what they are doing is removing large fill, which occurred over the years and trying to restore it as much as they can to the floodplain it was at. They should be done within the next few weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees