

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-FEBRUARY 13, 2007-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston (arrived at 6:55 P.M.), Navarro (arrived at 6:45 P.M.), Council Member Bucci (arrived at 7:15 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland (arrived at 6:45 P.M.) and Council President Garabedian –9.

Also Present: Frank Migliorelli, Deputy Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor.

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Clerk read Call of the Meeting:

AMENDED NOTICE

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In Accordance with Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter and, Section 2.04.06 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Council Chambers, City Hall
869 Park Ave.,
Cranston, RI. 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

***6:30 p.m. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) and (a)(4)
Pending litigation regarding Cullion Concrete Plant**

7:00 p.m. Department Head nominees by Mayor Michael T. Napolitano:

- Vito L. Sciolto, Esq. as City Solicitor, Law Department
- Corsino Delgado as Director of Finance
- Paula A. Rocha as Director of Economic Development
- Anthony J. Liberatore as Director of Parks & Recreation
- Theresa L. Murphy as Executive Director of Senior Services
- Maria Larangeira Sorman as Director of Community Development

And I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 9th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Aram G. Garabedian, Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Office of the City Clerk at 461-1000 Ext. 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.”

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 9th day of February, 2007 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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Re: Cullion Concrete pending litigation

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -5.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:33 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston (appeared at 6:55 P.M.), Navarro (appeared at 6:45 P.M.), Council Member Bucci (appeared at 7:15 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland (appeared at 6:45 P.M.) and Council President Garabedian; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Anthony DeSisto, Esq., attorney representing the members of the Zoning Board of Review.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:10 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Department Head Nominees by Mayor Michael T. Napolitano

Councilman Lupino stated that he was dumbfounded when he found out that when both the former Director of Finance and the City Controller both attended Council meetings, the Controller was receiving Overtime. Mr. Migliorelli stated that compensatory time is addressed in the Teamsters Contract, which the Controller is a member of, and approved at the discretion of the department head. He stated that going forward, the Finance Director, at his discretion will decide who will attend the meetings. Council Vice-President McFarland questioned whether or not the contract provides for flexible schedule. Mr. Migliorelli stated that it does, at the discretion of the department head.

VITO L. SCIOLTO, Esq., City Solicitor, Law Department

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of ***VITO SCIOLTO*** as ***City Solicitor***. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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CORSINO DELGADO, Director of Finance

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of **CORSINO DELGADO** as ***Director of Finance***.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland indicated that Mr. Delgado's salary will be quite less than the previous Director's salary and there will be no additional perks, such as a City vehicle. He will be starting at \$95,000.00, down from \$127,500.

Councilman Barone stated that he will vote against this appointment based on the inexperience Mr. Delgado has in Tax Assessment and Tax Collections and based on his relationships with bonding agencies.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

PAULA A. ROCHA, Director of Economic Development

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of **PAULA A. ROCHA** as ***Director of Economic Development***.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland indicated that Ms. Rocha's salary has been decreased from the previous Director's salary. She will be starting at \$56,967.24.

Mr. Migliorelli noted that the salaries for the Directors being appointed this evening are level-funded or lesser than their predecessors.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

ANTHONY J. LIBERATORE, Director of Parks & Recreation

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of **ANTHONY J. LIBERATORE** as ***Director of Parks and Recreation***.

Under Discussion: Council Vice President stated that he would also be starting at a lesser salary than the current Director. He would be starting at \$54,732.08 versus \$58,625.00.

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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THERESA L. MURPHY, Executive Director of Senior Services

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of **THERESA L. MURPHY** as *Executive Director of Senior Services*.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland indicated that this salary is the same as the previous Director's salary, \$56,100.00

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

MARIA LARANGEIRA SORMAN, Director of Community Development

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of the appointment of **MARIA LARANGEIRA SORMAN** as *Director of Community Development*.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone stated that since last week's Special Finance Committee meeting, he did some research and noticed that this candidate is still pending certification from HUD. In the past, the Council has appointed department heads and given them a timeframe for them to get certification, if needed. He asked how this candidate will be treated.

Mr. Migliorelli stated that certification will be pending. The current Director will stay on until Ms. Sorman gets is certified.

Councilman Barone recommended postponing the confirmation of this appointment until Ms. Sorman is certified.

Councilman Livingston withdrew his motion and Councilman Lupino withdrew his second to the motion.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to give Advice and Consent of appointment of **MARIA LARANGEIRA SORMAN** as *Director of Community Development* pending her certification from HUD, with only one person working at a time.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland indicated that Ms. Sorman's salary will be less than the current Director's salary. She will start at \$56,967.24 rather than \$66,634.00.

Ms. Sorman appeared to speak and stated that according to HUD, they offer annual or bi-annual classes and she would be brought on as Deputy Director until certification.

The Motion was read again into the record by the City Clerk.

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council President Garabedian announced that there will be a special City Council meeting Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 5:45 P.M. to address the issue of increasing the number of Alternate members serving on the Zoning Board of Review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).