

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, RI.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, City Clerk asked for a member of the Committee to Chair the meeting. Councilman Pisaturo volunteered to Chair the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Councilman Pisaturo.

Present: Councilman Terence Livingston (appeared at 6:45 P.M.)  
Councilman Michael S. Pisaturo  
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone  
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair  
Council Member Maria A. Bucci, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Allan W. Fung  
Council Member Cynthia M. Fogarty  
Council Vice-President Paula McFarland  
Paul Grimes, Director of Administration  
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration  
Michael Gluckman, City Solicitor  
Marco Schiappa, Director of Public Works  
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Plainfield Pike Plaza Sewer Connection** – Issue of Fine (Con't 12/8/2005; 1/12/2006)

**Harbour Terrace** – Procedure for Sewer connection (Con't 12/8/2005)

City Clerk stated that the Vice-Chair requested that these two items be continued to next month's meeting when she and the Chair will be able to attend the meeting.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to continue the above two items to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Cranston Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink - Remediation Plan, update and review**

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak and stated that the cleanup work at the Ice Rink should be finished this weekend. Cleaning costs have been accepted by the Insurance Company in its entirety. The Insurance Company has also agreed to pay for new boards to be replaced. Electrical bids have been received and the City is in the process of reviewing them with the Insurance Company. Lighting has been designed. Architectural layout of the interior is nearing completion and will be up to code. New bleachers layout has been completed. Council President Garabedian asked what the total estimate of the damages, according to the Insurance Company, is. Mr. Schiappa stated that they have not given the City that amount yet. To date, we are looking at costs for cleanup of over \$200,000 and electrical costs of over \$200,000.

**Ordinance 11S-05-1** in Amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005 Entitled "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places" (**Snow & Ice Removal**) (Continued from 1/12/2006)

Council Vice-President McFarland spoke regarding the fine and stated that if we request approval from the General Assembly, she questioned the Council members what number would we be looking at. Right now, the fine is \$20.00. She suggested forming a sub-committee of the Public Works Committee to come up with ideas and suggestions to this Ordinance, such as enforcement. Ms. Schutt stated that the Patrol Commander, herself and the Director of Public Works met and came up with some ideas. Currently, this Ordinance is enforced by the Police Department. Council Vice-President McFarland suggested that this Ordinance be continued for one more month and have the Patrol Commander and the Director of Public Works send to the Council members what language they would want in this Ordinance and what language the Police Department would be able to enforce.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to continue this Ordinance for one month. Motion passed unanimously.

## **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

### **122 Glen Ridge Rd. – Robert Michelette (Tabled 1/12/2006)**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to remove this item from the table. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve this sewer adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

### **1401 Park Ave. – Steven Vota (Tabled 1/12/2006)**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to remove this item from the table. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak.

Councilman Barone recused himself from voting on this item. This item is continued to next month's meeting, due to the recusal of Councilman Barone, there is no quorum to vote on this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS**

### **20 Abbott St. – Anna Shatakhtsian**

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak. He stated that the resident is asking for sewer charges for the years 1999 through 2005 to be adjusted due to sewer lateral that was never correctly connected to sewer main. He stated that this was discovered by the claimant's contractor and the City went out to inspect this and found that in-fact there was a gap in the pipes. Discussion took place on who is responsible for this and the Committee felt claimant has not been able to prove that the City was at fault.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to deny this sewer adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

**50 Quail Hollow Rd. – Barry W. Kilbane**

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak. Councilman Barone recommended a continuance on this item so he can do some more research on this.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Abandonment of a portion of Carlsbad Street**

Review for approval of Motion to Institute Proceedings for a Public Hearing

Jeffrey Gladstone, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant. Council Vice-President McFarland asked that the advertisement in the newspaper for the public hearing be larger than normal and the School Department distribute flyers of the hearing notice on this, so the people in the Stadium area will have the opportunity to comment on this issue.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to institute proceedings for a public hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Carlsbad St. Motion passed unanimously.

**\*Abandonment of a portion of John Hazen White Sr. Way**

Review for approval of Motion to Institute Proceedings for a Public Hearing  
(Being reintroduced due to defective notice)

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to institute proceedings for the abandonment of a John Hazen White Sr. Way. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees