

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, February 25, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –8.

Absent: Councilman Livingston -1.

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

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

Council President Garabedian indicated that Councilman Livingston will not be attending the meeting this evening since he is out of the country.

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

“ALAN M. MUOIO, CITATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE”

Mr. Carlucci presented Citation to Mr. Muoio from the Mayor and **Council Vice-President McFarland** presented Citation from the City Council.

“JOE RENZI, CITATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE”

Councilman Barone read Citation, which will be forwarded to Mr. Renzi, who is not present this evening and **Mr. Carlucci** read Citation from Mayor.

“PARK VIEW TEACHERS – MICHAEL CRUDALE AND ROBERT BOUCHARD”

Councilman Navarro presented Citations to Mr. Crudale and Mr. Bouchard, teachers who saved the life of a drowning student at the Park View pool.

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II. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mr. **Carlucci** presented a report.

“REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR LT. JAMES DAWBER, CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –8.

Council President Garabedian asked if there are any members of the public present regarding “Natick Ave. Bridge”. The majority of the members of the public present were present to speak regarding “Natick Ave. Bridge”. Council President Garabedian stated that the issue of “Natick Ave. Bridge” will be taken out of order in order to allow the public to speak.

“NATICK AVE. BRIDGE”

Jessica Marino, 799 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and stated that this bridge needs repairs badly. The City agrees with that, but is stating that there are no funds. This is not acceptable. This is a problem that needs to be addressed. She indicated that she obtained a petition from residents of the area regarding this issue.

Mayor Napolitano stated that Natick Ave. is one of the worst street in the City. He stated that the culvert is too small and the road is too narrow. He met with US Senator Reed and the price the City was given to solve this problem is \$3 million plus \$1 million to do the bridge appropriately. We have looked at other proposals. We can pulverize the road and use existing material. We can grade the road to help the drainage. This would all have to go out to bid. He asked the residents to try to be patient, but we are going to try to put this out to bid. The next issue is where the money is going to come from. It could come from the ordinary cost of expenditures or from next year’s budget in the Capital Expenditure or from the Rainy Day fund. He asked Mr. Sylvia to speak regarding this issue.

Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works, appeared to speak and stated that there are a number of repairs that can happen on this road. He believes that there are a number of them that can be done sooner rather than later.

Mayor Napolitano stated that the Administration would like to come up with a plan with the help of Council Member Bucci, Council Member for this Ward, to come up with the funding for this.

Council Member Bucci stated that the people present want some kind of timeframe of when this will happen. She has been trying for three years to make this happen and has not been successful.

Councilman Lupino cautioned that the residents be prepared for severe increase of traffic on that road from people in Scituate and West Warwick who will use this road as a cut through and speeding.

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Mayor Napolitano suggested that members of the residents meet with him and his staff periodically as we proceed with a solution to this problem.

Councilman Lanni stated that if the funding were in place, he asked how long would it take for the pulverization process to be completed. Mayor Napolitano suggested getting a few contractors to attend a meeting to make a proposal and get an estimate of how long it would take.

Vandana Jain, 30 Valley View Dr. of Natick Meadows, appeared to speak and stated that this is This is an emergency situation. A rescue or fire cannot get to the homes in an emergency when there is a flood like the one that occurred February 13, 2008.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that as Chair of the Flood and Drainage Study Commission, she suggested placing this issue on the docket for this Commission's meeting because there are other areas in the City that have flood problems. This is where the Council members can work on this issue and come up with the funding. The next meeting of the Flood and Drainage Study Commission is March 10th.

Councilman Lupino stated that what needs to be done first is a design of the area. Without a design, nothing is going to get done. He asked if there are any impact fees to do at least the design work.

Anita Lima, 50 Valley View Dr., appeared to speak and stated that the residents need a timeframe. This is a safety issue.

Dilip Jain, 30 Valley View Dr., appeared to speak and stated that all the residents are looking for is a timely and expeditiously effort.

Vincent Moses, 826 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and stated that he would like from someone in authority to certify that that bridge currently is safe and the gas lines will not explode because of any kind of construction. Mr. Sylvia stated that the City received certification from an engineer consultant that we could make some repairs to make the bridge safe for roadways. Those repairs were made by Cardi Construction and that is why the bridge was reopened. Those repairs will last only for a certain amount of time. That is not a permanent repair, but the bridge is safe. We would not have opened the bridge if it were not safe. Additional work will be done during the Spring and Summer. Mr. Moses asked how long the repairs to the bridge will last. Mr. Sylvia stated at least one year. If drainage work is done, it will last longer.

James Vincent, 3 Eva Lane, appeared to speak and asked why the Rainy Day Fund can't be used as a loan and if a bond is passed, those funds can be paid back. Council President Garabedian stated that the Rainy Day fund should not be touched because it helps keep our high credit rating. The Flood Commission is proposing having a bond passed to address flooding City-wide and maybe this area can be addressed with that. Mayor Napolitano stated that he would prefer having a bond referendum passed to address flooding and drainage problems rather than touch the Rainy Day Fund. He indicated that the City of Pawtucket tapped into their Rainy Day Fund and they had their bond rating downgraded. Councilman Navarro asked if there are any funds left in bonding authority. Mr. Sylvia stated that there is less than \$1 million. We don't have a specific list of projects. Council Vice-President asked that the Public Works Director provide any bonding authority funds left and infrastructures for the March 10, 2008 Flood Commission meeting.

Jeremy Hudson, 1 Valley View Dr., appeared to speak and asked who came up with the \$4 million figure to solve this problem. Mr. Sylvia stated that the previous

Administration worked with the City's Engineering Department, who did a study and came up with this amount. He has not seen a breakdown of the type of repairs that went into the calculation, but he feels \$3 million is a reasonable amount. The area residents would like this problem addressed.

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Walter Lawrence, 75 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and stated that as to the remark made by Councilman Lupino regarding increase in traffic, the traffic is there now. The residents are not looking for a super highway, they just want a road to drive on.

Alan Muoio, 60 Deerfield Rd., appeared to speak and stated that he owns a business on Natick Ave. He asked if there is such a thing as emergency bond. Council President Garabedian stated, yes, it would have to be determined to be an emergency and the amount is limited to \$150,000.. Mr. Sylvia stated that the bridge is safe at this time. He has a concern regarding the culvert that would be placed. How big it will be, is going to do more damage down the stream. Mr. Muoio stated that he would like to see a bond passed and do this project the correct way.

Tom Oszajca, 539 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and stated that the residents need to know what the options are.

Resident of 620 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and asked when the road will be fixed and the drainage problem also needs to be fixed.

John Johnson, 602 Natick Ave., appeared to speak and stated that his concerns are medical and emergencies having access to the residents. He would like to see pro-active rather than re-active.

Jessica Marino stated that she is not opposed to having this issue placed on the Flood Commission agenda, but she would suggest placing the road issue on the Public Works Committee agenda also.

III. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Status Report on Capuano Land Donation

Mr. Sylvia stated that we have received from Capuano Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. He reviewed the report and has no objections to the report. He does have about other issues that were not addressed in the report, such as:

- lack of sub-surface investigation;
- This is a middle parcel of land which is landlocked. It would be more advantageous if the City to consider acquiring the adjacent lot;
- hydrology of the site as he has heard there is run off. The site has flood characteristics.
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Peter LaPolla, City Planner, appeared to speak and recommended the City take the donated property. It is in the City's interest to acquire this land to avoid possible future development in a flood zone. Agrees with Mr. Sylvia that the City should also do a sub-surface exploration to make sure there is no contamination.

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IV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President McFarland:

Status Update Regarding transfer of land for Cranston St. Library – Mr. Carlucci stated that we are moving forward with this item. There is a plan right now, which the Library Board of Trustees is involved in.

Tax Incentive Applications to Businesses - Council Vice- President McFarland stated that she sees a Tax Incentive for Penske Trucking, which is being introduced as new business this evening and she is very disappointed in Gibbs College, who received a five-year Tax Incentive and now they are going to leave. We lost revenues for the City and will be left with a vacant building. She would like to see what Paolino's plans are for this property. She would like the Solicitor's help in doing the research so that tax breaks like this does not happen again in the City. Gibbs is moving out after they complete their five years and taking advantage of the Tax Incentive.

Municipal Court Auxiliary Judge - Council Vice-President McFarland asked when the Council is going to move forward with replacing Mr. Guglietta as the Municipal Court Auxiliary Judge. She has a nomination. Council President Garabedian stated that we can move forward on this in the next ten days. Council Vice-President McFarland asked that the Council conduct interviews and nomination all in the one night. Councilman Lupino asked if Mr. Guglietta has submitted his resignation letter. City Clerk stated that he did resign from the Planning Commission, but she has not received a resignation letter as Municipal Court Auxiliary Judge. Councilman Lupino stated that he would like to see a resignation notice prior to appointing a replacement.

Councilman Navarro:

Park Cinema - Councilman Navarro updated the Council regarding the park Cinema regarding the removing or reinforce of the walls, which fall under the Historic District Commission and we are working with the Historic District Commission meeting along with the developer to come up with an understanding of what is to take place. There is still a lot of progress as far as the new side of the building. He asked when the independent structural engineer is going to happen. Mr. Carlucci stated that it was scheduled for last Thursday or Friday and he was told that by tomorrow he should be receiving a response from the engineering firm.

Council Member Bucci:

Amanda St. Sump Pumps – Council Member Bucci asked if the City has gone out to bid for the Amanda St. sump pumps for the individual homes. Mr. Sylvia stated, they had not.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

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VI. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMEOWNERS AND BANK PROTECTION ACT”

On motion by Councilman Lupino , seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE (Paula McFarland, Chair)

12-07-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17.28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘ZONING’ (DRIVE INS)”

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

Council Member Bucci asked that the tie-in to the Power Plant be placed on the Public Works Committee Agenda.

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**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Terence Livingston, Chair)**

**1S-08-4 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 13.08 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘SEWER
SERVICE SYSTEM’ (Sewer Tie In Loan Fund Regulations)”**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that there is no fiscal note in the Ordinance and she suggested tabling this Ordinance. Mr. Quinlan stated that he and Councilman Livingston met with Clean Water Finance Agency, which outlines policies and procedures for loans they would administer. Mr. Woerner stated that the procedure would be the City would apply to Clean Water Finance Agency in conjunction with DEM to be approved. The City’s only role would be in approving the loans and being a conduit for the funds.

Council President Garabedian addressed the policies and procedures listed in the Ordinance and stated that number ten should give authority to the Council and not the Mayor. Not having a fiscal note attached is violating the City Charter. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that this is why the Ordinance should be sent back to Committee.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to refer this Ordinance back to Committee. Motion failed on a tie vote of 4-4. the following being recorded as voting “aye”: Council Member Bucci, Councilman Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro and Santamaria -4.

Councilman Lanni stated that according to Mr. Woerner, the City is not putting any money out and he does not see anything wrong with this Ordinance and is still opposed to sending this Ordinance back to Committee. Councilman Lupino agreed.

Council Member Bucci asked Mr. Delgado if a fiscal note is needed. Mr. Delgado stated that he was asked for a fiscal note. He was reluctant because he had questions as to who was going to run the program and what the closing costs would be and he did receive an answer. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the Finance Committee at their last meeting received a document from Clean Water and the Finance Committee needs to discuss it and act on it. This document needs to be implemented into the Ordinance and she asked that the Finance Committee needs to be prepared to address this at its next meeting.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to refer this Ordinance back to Committee. Motion passed on a vote

of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“TAX INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR ROBERT’S PRECUT VEGETABLES, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15 DANIELS WAY”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve this Tax Incentive Application. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER – APPROVAL RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER, AND JEAN PENNACCHIO”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the list of interest waiver approvals as recommended by City Treasurer and Jean Pennacchio. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE (John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair)

1-08-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Garden City Dr.)”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend this Ordinance as follows:

- in the title of the Ordinance, “4” should be amended to “5”
- Section 1, third line, add “5 way stop” after “Garden Court”
- Add a Section 2 to state “Section 32.020 Chapter 10 of the code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Stop Intersections-Enumerated” is hereby amended by deleting the following: (Garden City Dr. at its intersection with Garden Court and Poplar Dr. at its intersection with Garden City Dr.)”
- Section 2 should be amended to “Section 3”

Motion to amend passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this Ordinance as amended and re-advertise. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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1-08-4 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.32 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (McCabe St.)”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

1-08-5 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.32 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (New Depot Ave.)’

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

1-08-6 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.32 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Franklin Ave.)”

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

8-07-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 5.12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE’ (Expansion of Service Permit)”

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS (Anthony J. Lupino, Chair)

“RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS FOR: Jacqueline, William & Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Ann Antosia \$338.80; Domenic Albanese \$77.57; Diana E. Andreozzi \$50.00; P. Marie Nolan Marino \$200.00; Ralph DeFusco \$619.69.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the above-listed claims. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with 2 abstentions. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Barone and Council President Garabedian -6. Councilman Santamaria and Council Vice-President McFarland abstained.

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VII. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

BUILDING APPEALS BOARD – appointment of Adrien J. Mercure, Architect

No action at this time.

VIII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

Safety Services and Licenses Committee – March 3, 2008

2-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.040 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Kneeland Ave.).

2-08-3 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Sockanosset Crossroad, Power Rd., Midway Rd., Cranston St., Carolina St., Wilbur Rd., Natick Ave., Garfield Ave., Tyler Rd.).

2-08-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Sockanosset Crossroad and Power Rd.).

Finance Committee – March 13, 2008

Tax Incentive Application for Penske Truck Leasing Co., LP, for property located at 65 Amflex Dr.

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Ordinance Committee – March 13, 2008

2-08-1 Ordinance authorizing the Purchasing Agent to convey an easement for use of City property along Garden City Dr.

2-08-5 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 15.04 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Building Code” (Historic Certificate of Occupancy).

Claims Committee

- *Marshall Environmental Group, Inc.
- *Elizabeth Pirri
- *Giuseppe Colella
- *Steven & Jill Pare
- *John Zito
- *Dolores O’Rourke
- *Donna Vockerodt
- *Greg Easton
- *Christopher Ryan Moses
- *Adam Parkinson
- *Lori Fitzsimmons
- *Nationwide Insurance for Jairo Morales
- *Jacob Tella Estate
- *Clotilde Rigg
- *Kristin Cook
- *Hyde & Clark LeBlanc
- *David & Catherine Moran
- *Salvatore Devincenzo

*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

None.

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XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Suzanne Arena, 62 Glen View Dr., appeared to speak and questioned the Executive Session Council meeting and the public is confused with the way the advertisement should state if there is going to be public hearing or not. Councilman Lanni stated that in all his year on the City Council, no one has ever been denied to speak. Council President Garabedian stated that if there is public present, they would be allowed to speak. They would not be denied. Mr. Quinlan addressed Rule 38 of the Council Rules, which allows public to speak at any meetings any time. Council Vice-President McFarland suggested adding to the advertisement “following the Executive Session, there will be public commenting session”. Ms. Arena asked for status update on the camera for the truck for the catch basins. Mr. Sylvia stated that the camera was purchased prior to him coming to the City and it was the wrong piece of equipment.

Libby Kingsby, Brown University Student, appeared to speak to ask for the Council’s support of endorsement of public campaign and finance report bill.

Grant Dillon, Brown University Student, also appeared to speak and ask for support of endorsement of public campaign and finance report bill. The bill number is House 7782 and Senate 2858. He stated that he will forward information to the City Clerk to forward to the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).