

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JANUARY 11, 2007-

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Cranston was held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 in the Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -7.

Absent: Councilman Livingston and Council Vice-President McFarland -2.

Also Present: Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Marco Schiappa, Director of Public Works.

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City Clerk read the following:

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

***AMENDED
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

Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave.,
Cranston, RI. 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

Proposed Ordinance 12-06-3 Authorizing the City to Utilize Eastern Cranston Impact Fees for the Acquisition of Additional Modular Ice Rink Facility (Use of Impact Fee Revenue for the Installation of Modular "Bubble" Ice Rink)

Proposed Amendment to Council Rule No. 18.

*Suspension of Rule 36 to hold the January 2007 Council meeting on the 5th Monday of the month, ie January 29, 2007.

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 January, 2007.

/s/ Aram G. Garabedian, Council President

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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 Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 5:30 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 January, 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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12-06-3 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UTILIZE EASTERN CRANSTON IMPACT FEES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL MODULAR ICE RINK FACILITY (Use of Impact Fee Revenue for the Installation of Modular “Bubble” Ice Rink).

Council President Garabedian stated that yesterday, he met with Ernest Carlucci, Director of Administration; Bob Clarkin, Director of Parks and Recreation and Mr. Bennett, Manager of the Ice Rink regarding the Ice Rink and it was determined that total of \$225,000 is needed to finish the project. Mr. Bennett and the Administration are working on a list of items that needs to be done.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Navarro stated that \$300,000 has already been appropriated from the Eastern Impact Fees. He asked if an adjustment can be made between the Eastern and the Western Impact Fees. Council President Garabedian stated that this can be done to make sure it is equally proportioned on both sides of the City. He brought this issue up with Mr. Igoe, City Controller, and he agreed that this can be balanced, because it is a rink for the whole City.

Councilman Lupino stated that a discussion he had in the past with former Director of Administration, Mr. Grimes, he was advised by Mr. Grimes, that the company of the rink would be looking for more money. He questioned if this is going to happen. Council President Garabedian stated that at yesterday's meeting, one of the topics was an amendment to the agreement. With the supplemental rink, it would require an amendment to the current contract. Councilman Lupino asked if all the necessary permits and necessary people involved with the permits have looked at the structure and approved it. Council President Garabedian stated that this has to be done professionally and all necessary precautions regarding the permitting will be taken and the process will be followed.

Councilman Barone stated that he does not have a problem funding additional money for this rink, but he has a problem taking it from the Eastern side. There are some projects in the Park View area that need to be done. If these funds are taken from the Eastern Impact Fees account, it will take us longer to replenish the account for the Eastern side. He does not think we should use the whole \$150,000 from the Eastern side. He would suggest adding “Western” to the Ordinance and amend the amount to \$125,000. Council President Garabedian stated that if we do not get the rink done, many of the people who need ice time will not book the time with the City, when it comes time to book for ice time.

Councilman Lanni stated that if this Ordinance is not passed this evening, it would be another month delay for this project.

Council Member Bucci withdrew her motion to approve and Councilman Lanni withdrew his second to the motion.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend this Ordinance as follows: Section 1, second line, after the word “Eastern”, add “Western”. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -7.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to approve this Ordinance as amended on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -7.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL RULE NO. 18

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend this Rule.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone stated that he will vote no on this amendment because if the Council President has the option to change Committees, then why have Committees, have Ordinance go right to the City Council. Council President Garabedian stated that the purpose of this change was to give him an opportunity, as Council President, to add an additional member to a Committee.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Lupino -1.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend Council Rule No. 18 and motion passed on a vote of 5-1 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1. Councilman Lupino abstained.

SUSPENSION OF RULE 36 TO HOLD THE JANUARY 2007 COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 5TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, IE JANUARY 29, 2007

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to suspend Council Rule No. 36.

Under Discussion:

Council President Garabedian stated that the reason for this is because he has a Zoning Board meeting in Newport on January 22, 2007 and is imperative for him to attend that meeting and he has decided to reschedule the regular Council meeting to January 29, 2007.

Roll call was taken on motion to suspend this Rule and motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -7.

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NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk read the following introduced item and the Committee and the date referred to for public hearing:

City Council – January 29, 2007

1S-07-1 Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Eastern and Western Cranston Recreational Impact Fees for the installation of the additional modular ice rink facility.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, the above item was referred to the respective Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -7.

City Clerk stated that the Solicitor has asked that going forward, Ordinances be drafted similar to the State proposed legislation, whereby each line is numbered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See stenographic notes of Heather Finger, Stenogtypist).