

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilwoman Michelle Bergin-Andrews (appeared at 6:10 P.M.)
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, 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:

Traffic Engineer's Report on Proposed Traffic Study for Edgewood. Cont. 12/4/2008.

Mr. Sylvia stated that the City has received two proposals and anticipates awarding at the next Board of Contract and Purchase meeting.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Petition from National Grid for pole location at Sockanosset Crossroad.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

Petition from National Grid for pole location at Reservoir Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

***Petition from National Grid for pole location at Wholesale Way.**

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

12-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services" (Sewer Rate).

Council President Lanni stated that the City has connections from the Johnston side and this is not reflected in this Ordinance.

Mr. Sylvia stated that we, as a normal practice, do not allow those types of connections.

Council President Lanni stated that he feels the outside people who are connected to the City system should be assessed at a higher rate than the Cranston residents and it should be reflected in this Ordinance. He asked that this Ordinance be continued for review.

Chair asked if it is necessary for action to be taken on this Ordinance this evening. **Mr. Sylvia** stated that there are one important issue is how we interact with opportunities for providing services to outside people. This Ordinance is required by DEM and we need to comply with the Inter-municipal Agreement.

Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that the issue of outside people who are connected to the City system could be taken up at a later time and this Ordinance should be acted on this evening.

Councilman Lupino asked that for the next meeting, he would like to know the number of out of the City tie-ins and what is being paid and this be listed on next month's agenda. **Ms. Schutt** stated that this can be provided.

Mr. Sylvia stated that there are six locations that he knows of in Johnston located on Plainfield Pike that are tied into the City system and they are charged as the same type of use as if they were in Cranston.

Council President Lanni stated that there should be an impact fee charged to the outside entities tied into the City system. He also asked that for the next meeting, he would like to know exactly who is tied into our sewage system and who authorized it and if there is no authorization, he would like to know why.

Mr. Sylvia indicated that one of the six entities is the State of Rhode Island landfill.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees