

## CLAIMS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 in the Conference Room, third floor, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

Present: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Chair  
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Councilman Richard Santamaria  
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro (appeared at 5:50 P.M.)  
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone  
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Also Present: Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor  
Anna Marino, Claims Examiner  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by the Chair.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:41 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Lupino, Lanni, Barone, Santamaria, Navarro, Council President Garabedian; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Anna Marino, Claims Examiner and Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:15 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Ms. Marino stated that one of the large Highway trucks hit another City vehicle and the driver of the truck claims the brakes gave and the truck rolled into the other vehicle. Gerard Scotti, City's Fleet Manager, questioned if the Claims Committee would pay for the repairs or if he would have to take the funds out of his budget. She indicated to him that she would check with the Committee on how this should be handled. Council President Garabedian asked that Ms. Marino find out how much the repairs would cost and if Mr. Scotti has funds in his budget, they be taken out of his budget. Councilman Lanni stated that if the City pays for this, it would be setting a precedent. Council President Garabedian asked if there was an accident report made. Ms. Marino stated, yes.

- Ms. Marino stated that Francesco Zincone, son of the owner of Zink's Auto, hit a City vehicle causing damage in the amount of approximately \$4,300. Mr. Zincone asked her if he could pay for the repairs and not go through his insurance company, which this has been done in the past. He sent her a check for half of the amount. She indicated to the Committee that she never agreed with Mr. Zincone to partial payments. She is asking the Committee to give her permission to contact Mr. Zincone tomorrow indicating to him that she is not depositing this check and if he does not send in the full amount within seven days, she will contact his insurance company.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to direct Ms. Marino to send back the check, by certified mail, to Mr. Zincone with a letter asking for full amount. Motion passed unanimously.

### Schedule of Meetings

Chair questioned if there would be a problem holding the Claims Committee meeting once a month rather than twice. Ms. Marino stated that holding a meeting once a month, the meeting would have to end by 7:00 P.M., since Safety Services and Licenses Committee meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of the month. The Committee members agreed that the Claims Committee will meet once a month, on the first Monday of the month.

- Chair stated that he would like a written report with the following information:
  1. how much money is set aside for Claims and how much the City is covered for at this time and how much is retained in a reserve to be self-insured.
  2. a history of the claims for the last five years.
  3. what policies the City has.

Inter-Local Risk Management Trust

Chair stated that in 2001, the School Department joined the Inter-Local Risk Management Trust at a cost of approximately \$200,000 per year. There are many savings in being a member of this Trust, one of which is legal fees and the Trust would also do assessments. At this time, there are 32 of the 39 cities and towns that are members of the Trust. Mr. Sciolto stated that the City was a member of the Inter-Local at one time in the late 80's early 90's and got out because there were many control issues. Council President Garabedian suggested that the Committee should look into this and the Chair invite the representatives from the Trust to get a proposal together and address the Committee.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted that the Claims Committee go on record that it is interested in a review of our current operations and have the Inter-Local Risk Management Trust place a proposal for the City to be involved in their program.

Under Discussion:

Ms. Marino asked what the School Department is paying in premium. Councilman Lupino stated that it is just under \$400,000 per year, not including the giveback program.

Motion made by Council President Garabedian and seconded by Councilman Barone passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Claims Committee will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees