

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, July 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair  
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier  
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair  
Council Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration  
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration  
Robert Strom, Director of Finance  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Nick Capezza, Acting Public Works Director  
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Meredith Mahoney, Stenographer

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Status Report on Camera exchange with Veolia Water

**Ms. Schutt** stated that the truck is still being retrofitted. We should have it ready in a week or so.

**Chair** asked that this item be removed from the agenda and the Administration is to report back when the camera is up and running.

Report from Administration on use of Stimulus monies - Fletcher Avenue and other projects

**Mr. Cordy** stated that there is no stimulus money other than easement stimulus money for purchasing of properties.

**Councilman Santamaria** asked that the Council along with the Mayor send a letter to Senator Reed to see if there are any other avenues to go with this.

**Chair** suggested that maybe he and Mr. Cordy can meet next week with Senator Reed's Office and discuss this in person.

This item will be continued to next month.

5-09-13S Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 13.08 of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Public Services-Sewer Service System". (Tabled 5/14/2009 and 6/11/2009)

This Ordinance will remain tabled.

Sewer Connection request: Pro-Tec (Chris Bodyne), Johnston, RI. (Tabled 5/14/2009 and 6/11/2009)

This item will remain tabled.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

6-09-1 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Utility Street Openings).

6-09-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Emergency Street Openings).

**Mr. Capezza** stated that the above two Ordinances would establish that the utility companies would at least have to notify the City of any work and a permit be pulled. As to the utilities, he stated that, in general, Verizon, National grid and Gas Co. do a good job. The problem is with Providence Water. They should be made to come in, fill out an application and they are responsible for final patch.

**Chair** asked if we can make the utility company post a bond. Mr. Capezza stated that we can, but he would hate to create more work than what is worth.

**Councilman Pelletier** questioned if there is a provision in the Ordinance regarding enforcement if they do not comply with the Ordinance.

**Chair** asked that the Public Works Department extend an invitation to all the utility companies to attend the next Council meeting regarding these Ordinances.

**Mr. Capezza** presented the Committee with copies of a list of streets.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to recommend approval of the above two Ordinances. Motion passed unanimously.

Pole location for Oaklawn Ave.

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the above pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees