

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert Pelletier, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews  
Councilman Mario Aceto

Absent: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Chair  
Councilman Emilio Navarro

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration  
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration  
Robert Strom, Director of Finance  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Peter LaPolla, City Planner  
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 Aceto, seconded by Council Member Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **5-09-5 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone-New London Ave.)**

**Mr. LaPolla** addressed the Planning Commission's recommendation and asked that these recommendations be included as part of the Ordinance.

**John Bolton, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant and stated that one condition he would like changed as to the Planning Commission's recommendation is the first recommendation, which states "Historic District Commission authority with respect to size and design" and he asked that the word "size" be changed to "style".

**Councilman Aceto** asked if the Ordinance would have to be amended and re-advertised, in regards to the Planning Commission recommendation. Attorney Bolton stated that his suggestion would be to approve the Ordinance incorporating the two conditions set by the Planning Commission with the modification he suggested and refer it to the full Council.

**Mr. Kirshenbaum** addressed Section 17.12 of the Charter.

**Resident of 175 Hoffman Ave.**, appeared to speak and asked how this petition is different from previous petitions that were granted. Attorney Bolton stated that this Ordinance deals strictly with signs. Speaker asked status of the overall project at this time. **Kelly Coates**, Vice-President of Carpiionato Properties, appeared to speak and stated that there are active employees working on the project moving forward and tenants are moving in. The owner is committed to the project. When the project started, the owner had projected tax revenue of \$1.1 million. The current tax bill just received, he is happy to announce, is for \$1.1 million. Speaker stated that he has a concern that there is no coordination between the two traffic lights on Sockanosset Crossroad.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Member Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Kirshenbaum** questioned what the Historic District Commission's role is with respect to the application. Mr. LaPolla stated that current practice is all signage goes before the Historic District Commission. Mr. Kirshenbaum questioned whether Chapter 17.12 is still applicable with the particular signage.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Member Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance and amend to add the Planning Commission's letter and with the modification made by Attorney Bolton with regards to the first condition.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Member Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to amend the above Ordinance to include the second condition in the Planning Commission's letter and recommend approval as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees