

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Vice-President Paula McFarland, Chair
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone

Absent: Council Member Maria A. Bucci

Also Present: Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Councilman 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:

12-07-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Property Maintenance Standards" (Foreclosed Residential Property Registration). (Cont. 3/13/2008, 4/14/2008, 5/15/2008 and 6/12/2008).

Solicitor recommended taking this Ordinance off the agenda since there are a number of bills pending at the State.

Robert Pelletier appeared to represent resident, Fred Joslyn, who lives at 23 Gaglione Court and who requested Council Member Bucci to introduce this Ordinance.

Solicitor stated that he is hesitant about putting laws on top of laws because our Code holds the property owner responsible for maintaining the property and if a bank takes over a home, they are considered the owner of property. No one appeared to oppose.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the City has an extensive Minimum Housing Code and there is a State Statute where if the owner is out of State, they have to appoint an agent for service and record it with the City and the State and if they do not, they will be fined.

Solicitor stated that he will re-draft another Ordinance addressing all these issues.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to remove this Ordinance from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

1-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel” (Redevelopment Agency). (Cont. 3/13/2008, 4/14/2008, 5/15/2008 and 6/12/2008).

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to remove this Ordinance from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

1-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2.76 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Redevelopment Areas” (Marine Dr. Redevelopment Area). (Cont. 4/14/2008, 5/15/2008 and 6/12/2008).

Chair stated that Councilman Livingston, sponsor of this ordinance, has asked that this Ordinance be continued for two months.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to continue this Ordinance for two months to the September meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

6-08-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 10 Budlong Rd.).

John Bolton, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant and stated that the Planning staff and the Planning Commission have recommended approval of this Ordinance.

George Caldow of Caldow Associates appeared to give testimony as expert witness and presented a resume and a report.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees