

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

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

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone  
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Council Member Maria A. Bucci, Chair  
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.  
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro

Also Present: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino  
Aubrey Lombardo, Assistant City Solicitor  
Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

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

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, 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:**

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

- **Resolution instituting proceedings for the Abandonment of a portion of Moon Ave.**  
(Public Hearing)

**Robert Murray, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant and stated that there were two appraisals submitted to the Committee, one by Scotti and Associates, whose appraisal was \$34,000, considerably higher than it should be worth. The other appraisal is from Robert Gargarian and he valued this property as \$16,500. His client would be willing to pay the \$16,500 appraisal. The Tax Assessor has this property assessed at \$14,300 and Attorney Murray presented a copy of this assessment.

**Councilman Barone** asked why there are two appraisals. City Clerk stated that the Code requires that appraisals be done by a qualified appraiser selected by the City and the City went out to bid and two bids came in. Councilman Barone asked if we are required to go by the Tax Assessor's appraisal or the applicant's appraisal. Attorney Murray stated that there are two instances where the Council has abandoned property with no value and other times there has been a value appraised and paid for.

**Councilman Lanni** asked Attorney Murray if he would be willing to go to a third appraisal to see if it comes in in-between the City's and the applicant's appraisal. Attorney Murray stated that his client has already paid \$4,000 worth of appraisals. He has paid more in appraisals than what the property is worth.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to continue this item for one month in order to obtain more information.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Barone** requested that by the next meeting, the answer be provided to his question regarding what appraisal this Committee should go by.

Roll call was taken and motion to continue for one month passed unanimously.

- **Petition from National Grid** for pole location at Randall St.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve this petition. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Naming of athletic Soccer Fields at Chafee Athletic Complex on Hope Rd. for Lyle E. Perra and Anthony Tribelli** (Requested by CLCF Soccer)

**Anthony Liberatore**, Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared to speak and stated that Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved these two requests and he strongly recommends approval.

**Marco Schiappa**, 401 Laten Knight Rd., Vice-President of CLCF Soccer, appeared to speak in favor of these two requests and stated that these are two new fields.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve the above two requests. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees