

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JUNE 17, 2008-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Council President Garabedian.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino (appeared at 6:40 P.M.), Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

Absent: Councilman Livingston and Council Member Bucci -2.

Also Present: Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Corsino Delgado, Director of Finance; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Anthony Sylvia, Director of Public Works.

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Clerk read Call of the Meeting:

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

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In Accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Section 3.07 and Section 2.04.060 of the City Code thereof, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

Correct Any Issues With the Bond Resolutions Passed by the City Council on May 27, 2008, Including the Open Space Bond

And I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 13th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Aram G. Garabedian, Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Office of the City Clerk at 461-1000 Ext. 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date."

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 13th day of June, 2008 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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“RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD THEREON (Citywide Preservation of Open Space and Other Natural Resources)”

Councilman Navarro stated that this Resolution was passed at the May 27, 2008 Council meeting and due to some errors, it needs to be voted on again this evening.

Councilman Barone stated that there may be several other bond Resolutions that have not been addressed to purchase badly needed equipment for Highway and need to be passed this year. He indicated that a Resolution entitled “Memorializing the Member of the General Assembly from Cranston to Introduce and Urge Passage of Legislation Authorizing Bonds of the City and to Authorize a Referendum to be Held Thereon” (DPW-Division of Highway Maintenance Equipment Replacement and Purchase), which Council members have been provided with a copy of, needs to be passed. City Clerk stated that the Council needs unanimous consent to discuss this matter.

Councilman Barone asked how these items can be addressed.

Council President Garabedian asked that a motion be made on the above Resolution prior to discussing any other items.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to ask for unanimous consent to discuss the issue Councilman Barone addressed earlier regarding Highway Equipment Bond Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

Councilman Lupino stated that the Mayor is listed as sponsor of this Resolution. He asked who will be speaking regarding this Resolution. City Clerk stated that she was informed by Mr. Delgado that the Mayor is no longer sponsoring this Resolution. At this time, there is no sponsor. Councilman Barone stated that he will sponsor the Resolution just to discuss it. It will not be voted on this evening.

Mr. Sylvia stated that there is a Capital Improvement plan and at this time, without this Bond as a funding source, the equipment cannot be purchased. Council President Garabedian asked what kind of equipment would be purchased. Mr. Sylvia stated, Highway dump trucks.

Councilman Santamaria stated that he was advised by the City Clerk that this Resolution has to be advertised in order to comply with Open Meetings Law. He asked how this can be addressed. Mr. Quinlan stated that a formal notice needs to be given on this and posting for public. If action is taken, this would be violating Open Meetings Law.

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Council President Garabedian asked if Bond Counsel has looked at this Resolution. Mr. Sylvia stated, no.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that what disappoints her is the Capital Budget went through an entire process and here we are five months later, after the Mayor submitted his Capital Budget, and we are trying to find a sponsor and a way to pass this at the last minute.

Councilman Lanni asked if a lease with an option to buy is another option. Mr. Sylvia stated, yes. It will have an effect on the Operating Budget.

Councilman Lupino asked Mr. Delgado, in the Operating Budget as presented by the Mayor to the Council, was there a line item for the existing sterling trucks. Mr. Delgado stated that nothing was budgeted this year because that lease ran out last year. Councilman Lupino asked if lease purchase is a viable option, why are we looking at a bond for twenty years and why was the line item for lease purchases not kept in the budget. Mr. Delgado stated that because it was a lean budget, we budgeted for no purchases or any vehicles for next year. The Resolution states up to twenty years, it does not mean we would bond for twenty years for vehicles. Councilman Lupino questioned what would be more prudent way to do this, would it be through a bond or lease purchase. Mr. Delgado stated that it is hard to say. He would have to do an analysis. Not knowing what the interest rates would be, is hard to say. Councilman Lupino asked where the money is coming from for these purchases. Mr. Delgado stated that it is not in the budget right now. If we were to do a lease purchase, we would have to take it out of the Operating Funds.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that there will be no equipment purchases in the coming budget. There is no money in the Operating Budget, there is no money in the Stabilization Fund. It will happen in 2010, possibly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

(See Stenographic Notes of Meredith Mahoney, Stenotypist)