

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JUNE 22, 2009-

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 22, 2009 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston (appeared at 7:10 P.M.) and Council President Lanni -9.

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and stand approved as recorded.

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

“CITATION IN MEMORY OF THE LATE JOHN J. BERGIN, BELOVED FATHER OF CUONCILWOMAN MICHELLE BERGIN-ANDREWS”

Citation presented by Councilman Lupino.

“CITATION IN MEMORY OF THE LATE LT. JAMES A. PAGANO OF THE CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”

Councilman Santamaria presented Citation to the late Lt. Pagano’s parents.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Steve Labrie, 1740 Plainfield Pike, appeared to represent the members of the Teamsters Local 251, in favor of proposed Ordinances 5-09-2 and 5-09-3.

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III. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRM OF CARROLL BURACKER TO CONDUCT AN UPDATE ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto asked for copies of the report and since this Resolution states \$10,000, this would have to go before the Finance Committee with a Fiscal Note.

Councilman Archetto stated that before he votes on this Resolution, he would like to review the original report, since he was not on the Council at the time and he suggested postponing this Resolution until then.

Councilman Navarro stated that during the past month, the Colonel, the Commander and the Major have all retired. There has been drastic changes in the Police Department and he feels that this audit will provide an objective opinion on the present state of affairs at the Police Department.

Ms. Schutt stated that the command staff retired voluntarily. This audit is not a quick process and the \$10,000 will not cover it.

Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews stated that she is also concerned with the public trust and confidence but is also concerned about the cost. She asked what the previous audit cost. Ms. Schutt stated approximately \$145,000 combined for the Police and Fire audit.

Council Vice-President Livingston stated that he believes the intent of this Resolution is for an update from 2004 to the present. The 2004 audit was very useful and has been utilized by a number of different parties on numerous occasions.

Councilman Navarro stated that the executive summary of the original report is online on the City’s website under the Police Department.

Councilman Aceto stated that procedurally, he questions whether this would have to be done by Ordinance with a Fiscal Note and go to the Finance Committee.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that as to the proposed Resolution, he questions whether this may have to go out to bid. Council Vice-President Livingston stated, no, this is an update. Solicitor Kirshenbaum questioned what account the fee for this update would come out of in the budget.

Councilman Navarro asked Ms. Schutt if the Administration is opposed to this Resolution. Ms. Schutt stated that the Administration is not opposed to anything that takes a look at our public safety department. She is concerned that this is being rushed. If an update is requested of the Police Department, she questioned whether an update should be given on the Fire Department. It is a little quick and rash. She is also concerned about the process and cost.

Mr. Woerner stated that the concept of this study is to take a quick look at the recommendations made a few years ago by Carroll Buracker and whether they were implemented and if not, why not. As to where the funding would come from, that has not been identified, but it will be.

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Councilman Lupino stated that he agrees with the Council members who would rather see the original report before they vote on this Resolution. He suggested that maybe instead of the Resolution reading 'authorizing', it should state 'encourages' this action.

Councilman Lupino made a friendly amendment to the title of the Resolution to state "the City Council hereby encourages the Administration to contact Carroll Buracker regarding conducting an update study".

Councilman Navarro stated that the reason the Resolution states "authorizing" is to avoid the bid process.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to amend this Resolution as follows: add a last paragraph to read "Be it further resolved, that the City Council along with the Administration shall determine the cost of the update of said performance audit and present such estimate to the Finance Committee before proceeding.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend this Resolution to add last paragraph and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, the above Resolution was adopted as amended on a vote of 9-0. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

"RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SHORT TERM RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE FORMER POLICE STATION PROPERTY (Mulberry Tree Feature)"

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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“RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE OVERSIGHT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR STADIUM SCHOOL, ARLINGTON SCHOOL, GLADSTONE SCHOOL AND HUGH B. BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL”

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Pelletier asked that Cranston High School West School be added to this Resolution. Council Vice-President Livingston asked that schools in Wards 1 and 5 be added to this Resolution.

Councilman Navarro asked that schools in Ward 2 be added. He questioned whether other schools can be added to this Resolution since the State grants have already been designated.

Councilman Archetto stated that this Resolution is for monies that have been designated, but has not been allocated as to signs, speed bumps. Concerned with adding additional wards and feels it would be better for each ward to have their own Committee.

Councilman Lupino suggested having the Traffic Engineer and the member of the Police Department give the Council an update on where they are going to spend that money.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to amend the above Resolution to include all Wards.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino stated that he is opposed to this Resolution. The Council should just ask the Administration for an update about how soon this is going to be implemented.

Ms. Schutt stated that she is familiar with the project and that there were only specific schools designated in the pilot money. She can obtain report for next month's meeting and is comfortable proceeding either way.

Councilman Archetto stated that as to the amendment of adding all Wards, this will not work. He suggested that if that is the wish of the majority of the Council, each Council member pass a Resolution for their respective Ward.

Motion and second to amend to include all Wards were withdrawn.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE (Anthony J. Lupino, Chair)

**5-09-2S “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED
‘ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL’(Resident Preference)”**

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Solicitor Kirshenbaum presented an opinion from US Supreme Court. He stated that this opinion states constitutional challenges with Ordinances like this.

Council Vice-President Livingston stated that the City already gives military preference. He does not see this as a constitutional issue. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that as to the military preference, it is distinguishable because anyone can serve in the military.

Mr. Quinlan stated that he agrees with Solicitor Kirshenbaum and he would like some time to review this.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier and Santamaria -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Aceto, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -4.

**5-09-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED
‘ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL’ (Classified Service)”**

Council President Lanni recused and handed gavel to Council Vice-President Livingston.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Quinlan stated that he would like time to review this and asked that the Council not take a vote on this Ordinance this evening.

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Councilman Pelletier questioned if a classified person would have to take a test before becoming classified. Solicitor Kirshenbaum referred to Section 14.07 of the Charter and stated that he has received numerous phone calls from employees who are concerned regarding this Ordinance and the Union did not meet with the membership regarding this. He cautioned the Council that they cannot amend a contract by Ordinance and that is what this Ordinance is doing.

Mr. Quinlan stated that he agrees with Solicitor Kirshenbaum that this Ordinance is amending the contract, which cannot be done. He does not believe that this Ordinance violates the Charter, it reiterates the Charter.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 2 recusals. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council Vice-President Livingston -7. Councilman Archetto and Council President Lanni recused.

Roll call was taken on motion by adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 2 recusals. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council Vice-President Livingston -7. Councilman Archetto and Council President Lanni recused.

**5-08-7 "ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING
THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO MASTER AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN TACO, INC. AND THE CITY OF CRANSTON
RELATING TO THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF
CARLSBAD ST. AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF TWO
INTERSECTIONS"**

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Emilio L. Navarro, Chair)**

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS"

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS”

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER”

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to approve the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

5-09-1 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS’ (Police False Alarm Assessment Schedule)”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Navarro -1.

5-09-8 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS’ (Fire False Alarm Assessment Schedule)”

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
(Mario Aceto, Chair)**

“NATICK AVE. ENGINEERING STUDY”

Ms. Schutt presented a memo of general information and stated that there is no update at this time.

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**SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE
(Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair)**

“TRANSFER OF CLASS B LTD. TO CLASS B VICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – CRANSTON HOUSE OF PIZZA, LLC., 1791 CRANSTON ST.”

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve this transfer application. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

3-09-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17.64.010 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘OFF STREET PARKING’”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino referred to the City Planner’s letter dated June 4, 2009 and stated that this Ordinance has no provision of hardship cases.

Council Vice-President Livingston stated that he cannot support this Ordinance unless the overnight parking Ordinance is repealed, otherwise, this will be a real problem in the Eastern side of the City.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above Ordinance and motion failed on a vote of 2-7. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Navarro and Santamaria -2. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Pelletier, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -7.

**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS
(Michelle Bergin-Andrews, Chair)**

Ratification of settled claims for: Angelo Marchetti \$50.00; Jaime Caniglia \$331.82; Michael Carano \$68.98; Laura Crumb \$176.10; Patricia Warner \$175.53; Lena Sampietro \$1,094.92; Jacqueline, William & Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Bald Hill Dodge Rental \$396.97; Albert & Carolyn Bianco \$112.50.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve the above-listed claims. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -8. Council Vice-President Livingston abstained.

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V. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

BOARD OF CANVASSERS: Re-appointment of Colleen Crudele

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to re-appoint **COLLEEN CRUDELE** as a member of the *Board of Canvassers*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS: Appointment of James W. Molloy

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to appoint **JAMES W. MOLLOY** as a member of the *Board of Canvassers*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD: Appointment of Joseph Marocco - Alternate

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to appoint **JOSEPH MAROCCO** as an Alternate Member of the *Personnel Appeals Board*. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Archetto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

VI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

“REPORT ON HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, CONSULTANTS, ETC. PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 15.05”

None.

“REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAM MCKENNA, CRANSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”

Ms. Schutt appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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**“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION MAJOR RONALD BLACKMAR,
CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

Ms. Schutt appeared to speak.

Council President Lanni stated that he has known the Major for over 20 years in various capacities and that he has always been a gentleman and the epitome of what a good police officer should be. His retirement is a loss to the City

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION CAPTAIN EDWARD MCGRATH,
CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

Ms. Schutt appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

**“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION SERGEANT ROBERT RICCI,
CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

Ms. Schutt appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

“Current Status of Police Department”

Ms. Schutt gave a report of current Police Department status and stated that she will report next month on the Fire Department. Ms. Schutt gave a brief overview of recent crimes in the City and presented this report for the record.

Councilman Navarro requested that the Acting Colonel provide the Council with a report on the hours and flex time of the Special Investigative Unit Officers for the month of June.

Councilman Lupino requested that from now on, the Administration provide the council in writing update reports.

Councilman Navarro asked what the status is of the accreditation process. Ms. Schutt stated that it should come sometime the end of August or beginning of September and we did receive an extension.

VIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President Livingston

Summary of Breakdown from Audit Team of Cost for Basic Education Program

Mr. Woerner stated that at the Finance committee, he presented a one page report regarding this issue. It was approximately \$2 million.

Council Vice-President Livingston

Norfolk St. Parking – Administration’s status update

Captain Palumbo stated that after meeting with the neighbors, the Department enforcement monitoring started. They did see progress, but there are still complaints from some of the neighbors, particularly the hair salon.

Councilman Santamaria

Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. LaPolla asked that he would like to meet with the Council in July for Future Land Use Plan for the Comprehensive Plan. Council President Lanni stated that his feeling is this should be a special Council meeting. Councilman Lupino asked that the Council be provided with any and all documents regarding this issue prior to that meeting. Councilman Aceto asked that any changes be highlighted.

Councilman Pelletier

Phase-Out Line for Natick Ave.

Councilman Pelletier stated that he is concerned because there have been several accidents on Natick Ave. Ms. Schutt stated that they have looked into that. Reflectors were placed on the poles. We certainly will continue with enforcement.

Councilman Lupino asked if there has been communication from the Administration to National Grid to get a date of pole that can be moved. Ms. Schutt stated that she will check on the date on moving them.

Police Chief Vacancy

Councilman Navarro stated that he has received a letter from Clifford Montero of the NAACP regarding the Police Chief and other department vacancies and he believes all the Council members also received this letter. He suggested that the Mayor should consider opening up selection of qualified candidates for the Police Chief’s position.

Harbor Management Plan

Council Vice-President Livingston asked for an update. Mr. LaPolla stated that this has been submitted to DEM and CRMC for final approval.

Budlong Pool Budget

Councilman Lupino stated that several meetings ago, there was discussion regarding the pool budget and it was stated that there were donations made. He asked how far along we are with this situation. Ms. Schutt stated that we received a very generous grant from Randolph Savings Bank of \$10,000; \$1,000 grant through Randolph Savings Bank in memory of the late former Council President Peter Pastore, \$1,000 from Washington Trust and a pool chemical supply distributor was looking at donating products. We are in pretty good shape to operate the pool, but she cannot guarantee that there won’t be any transfers during the Summer.

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Status Update on Harrington Hall

Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews asked for update. Ms. Schutt stated that the Administration will be setting up a meeting with the new representative of House of Hope, who will be taking over Harrington Hall on July 1st and a meeting is scheduled for July 20th and we will be inviting House of Hope to attend. Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews asked if any of the sex offenders have been moved out. Ms. Schutt stated that 13 are there now.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk read the following introduced items and the Committees and the date referred for public hearing:

Safety Services and Licenses Committee – July 6, 2009

6-09-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8, Chapter 8.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Fire Prevention Code” (Outdoor Fires Prohibited).

6-09-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Laurens and Orchard Streets).

Public Works Committee – July 16, 2009

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).

Petition from National Grid for pole location at Oaklawn Ave.

Finance Committee – July 16, 2009

6-09-5 Ordinance amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 (School System Appropriation).

6-09-6 Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 (4th Quarter Transfers).

Claims Committee

*Nidia Reyes

*Patricia A. Walsh

*Emily Surabian

*Marissa Gasbarro

*Kenneth Bernard

*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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XII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

“RESIGNATION OF FREDERICK FERRANDI FROM THE BOARD OF CONTRACT AND PURCHASE”

No action needed.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Diana Gordon, 363 Pontiac Ave., appeared to speak and stated that she resides on Norfolk St. and Pontiac Ave. and owns a business from her residents and students park there and take parking away from customers for her business. She asked Councilman Navarro to introduce an Ordinance for two-hour parking on Norfolk St. She also spoke regarding Ordinance 3-09-2 regarding off street parking and stated that she is opposed to that.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).