

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Council Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Mahoney, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair read letter from Superintendent Nero indicating that Suzanne Arena is asking that she would like to purchase a piece of property near her property. Chair referred this letter to the Administration.

OLD BUSINESS:

9-09-3 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Administration and Personnel" (Cranston Tree Ordinance). Cont. 11/12/2009, 1/14/2010 and 2/11/2010 for Law Department's and City Council Legal Counsel's legal opinion and whether fiscal note is needed).

Chair stated that there is no legal opinion from Mr. Quinlan as of this evening.

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to continue this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Administration on status of Traffic Engineer's review of stop sign locations in the City.

Ms. Schutt stated that she spoke to the Traffic Engineer and he is working with the City's GIS Manager on this project. It is a slow process, but it is not forgotten.

Council President Lanni stated that his concern is by doing this this way, how long will it take to complete this project. Maybe there is a faster way to do this by codifying all the stop signs for now.

Councilman Lupino stated that he would like to see what has been accomplished so far, because it has been two months that this was requested. Ms. Schutt stated that she does not know how much has been done because this is not the only thing that the GIS Manager and Traffic Engineer are working on.

Chair asked that for the next meeting, the Administration provide information requested by Councilman Lupino of how much work has been done so far and an Ordinance be drafted codifying the stop signs and the Administration send a letter to Municipal Court on any violations they find and this Ordinance is to be introduced at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Petition from National Grid for request of pole location at Luigi St.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Pelletier stated that the Natick Ave. bridge had a partial collapse and the Administration stated that it was repaired. Ms. Schutt confirmed this and stated that a steel plate was installed to distribute the weight. Permits for Phase II of the project will be seen in one to two weeks. We are looking a Spring or early Summer for the major paving work on Phase II. She also stated that bridge engineering by Garofalo has started.

Councilman Lupino asked if Tennessee Gas Pipeline contributing to the cost for the design work, if not, they should be. Ms. Schutt stated, no, it is our responsibility because the lines are not causing the problem.

Councilman Lupino asked that the Administration ask for an answer from Tennessee Gas Pipeline for some liability on their part and also to the utility company.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees