

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-MARCH 22, 2010-

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, March 22, 2010 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: Mayor Allan Fung; Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration; Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

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

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Fung presented citations to members of the Fire Department for their efforts in saving the lives of two individuals in a water rescue on _____ from the _____

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resident of 128 Shirley Blvd., appeared to represent Eden Park Auburn Neighborhood Association, and asked for the Council's help in improving the process of Zoning and Planning to better serve the residents and businesses.

Walter Lawrence, 745 Natick Ave., appeared to speak regarding gas pipeline on Natick Ave. that were placed there without permits and he stated that he has documents regarding this issue. Council President Lanni asked Mr. Lawrence provide the City Clerk with the documents and this issue will be heard by the Public Works Committee to look into the allegations made by Mr. Lawrence.

Carol Medeiros, 151 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak on behalf of Friends of Animals Organization, in favor of Ordinance 1-10-2.

Diana Gordon, 363 Pontiac Ave., appeared to speak in favor of Ordinance 1-10-2.

Dennis Tabella, 363 Sergeant St., Warwick, Director of Friends of Animals, appeared to speak in favor of Ordinance 1-10-2.

Sherri Anderson, 100 Briarcliffe Rd., appeared to speak in favor of Ordinance 1-10-2.

Pat Maxwell, Cranston Animal Control Officer, appeared to speak in favor of Ordinance 1-10-2.

Richard Tomlins, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak regarding Resolution for Open Space Bond Order. He also spoke regarding street repairs and suggested a study be done of every street in the City and give the public an idea of what the costs would be and then move forward.

III. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING DIESEL POLLUTION”

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, 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.

“RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE CONSOLIDATION AND REGIONALIZATION BETWEEN THE CITIES OF CRANSTON AND WARWICK”

On motion by Councilman Aceto, 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.

“RESOLUTION LOAN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$6,000,000 BONDS OF THE CITY FOR THE ACQUISITION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, PRESERVATION AND/OR PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE, PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AND/OR FACILITIES, FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITATS AND/OR LAKE, RIPARIAN, RESERVOIR, RIVER, COASTAL AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF CRANSTON: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ADVANCES FOR THAT PURPOSE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$6,000,000 TEMPORARY NOTES FOR THAT PURPOSE: AND AUTHORIZING ADVANCES FROM THE GENERAL TREASURY FOR THAT PURPOSE”

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

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Livingston asked if the Administration is in favor of this Resolution. Mr. Strom stated, yes, the City will be going out to bond for \$6,000,000, but we will only be using up to \$1 million of that.

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.

“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF THE 34TH AMERICA’S CUP CHALLENGE TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND”

On motion by Councilman Aceto, 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.

“RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A ‘BLUE ALERT’ PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND”

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, 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.

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO UTILIZE EITHER THE APPROVED BOND FUNDS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CITY ROADS OR STIMULUS FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA), TO RE-PAVE ROLFE STREET AS PART OF THE REVITALIZATION OF ROLFE SQUARE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF A MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT”

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino asked if there is a plan for this. Ms. Schutt stated that the plan right now is to remove the brick circles, which are all coming up, pave that area and reuse those bricks.

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.

“RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FULLY SUPPORT THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Livingston stated that he does support a funding formula, but he will vote against this Resolution because he does not know if this is the best funding formula. He has not seen this formula or the particulars of the formula.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council Vice-President Livingston -1.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF FLOODPLAIN EASEMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Navarro, 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.

“RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY CONTRACT CONTINUATION LEGISLATION”

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

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM CONVEYANCE OF FLOODPLAIN EASEMENT TO THE US GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE FLETCHER AVENUE AND POCASSET RIVER FLOODING ISSUES”

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino stated that there are rumors that people in the area think that this Resolution would be buying out properties. He asked if this is true. Ms. Schutt stated that there is no specific earmark for residents per say. This Resolution is about mitigating flood and not about buying out properties.

Council Vice-President Livingston stated that if there are properties bought out, he asked if this would come before the City Council. Ms. Schutt stated that she would image that that would be part of the normal protocol, but this would not be in the near future.

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.

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO UTILIZE EITHER THE APPROVED BOND FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF CITY ROADS OR STIMULUS FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA), TO RE-PAVE BROAD STREET AS PART OF THE REVITALIZATION OF BROAD STREET LOCATED IN THE HEART OF A MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT”

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto stated that in the past, the Engineering Division was to put together a list of roads by priority. He asked if this list is available. Ms. Schutt stated that the list, traditionally, has been compiled by the Engineering Division and presented to the Mayor and the Mayor would make determination upon recommendation of the Public Works Director as to the priority. Councilman Aceto asked if this list is available to the City Council members. Ms. Schutt stated that it is an internal working document. This list is based on public safety.

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Richard Bernardo, Director of Public Works, appeared to speak and addressed the road problem in the Edgewood area and stated that major settlement was done in the Fall.

Councilman Navarro asked the status of putting forth list of streets in this upcoming season. Mr. Bernardo stated that the Engineering Division is preparing specs for Natick Ave., Rolfe St. project and Wellington, Hope and Burlingame.

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.

"RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SHORT-TERM LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE FORMER POLICE STATION PROPERTY"

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, 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.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (Emilio L. Navarro, Chair)

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS"

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council Vice-President Livingston, 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.

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS"

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Archetto, 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 Lupino, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to approve the 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.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIALS OF BOTTLING GROUP AND PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP - AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve the denial of the above Tax Interest Waiver requests, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 2 abstentions. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro, Archetto, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -7. Councilmen Aceto and Pelletier abstained.

2-10-1 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UTILIZE WESTERN CRANSTON WATER IMPACT FEES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT BARN”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Ms. Schutt indicated that the amendment made in Committee should be \$290,000.

Council Vice-President Livingston questioned if water impact fees can be used for building a Salt Barn. Mr. Quinlan stated that he has not researched this. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he discussed this with Solicitor Cipriano and their understanding is that Salt Barn is being built to protect the water infrastructure of the City and research was done on this by the Solicitor’s Office.

Councilman Aceto stated that he understands we need a Salt Barn, but he is not sure we have exhausted looking at the State to use theirs, since there is one off Route 37. Ms. Schutt stated that there would be some complications. Mr. Bernardo stated that one problem is the State’s mixture is not the same as ours.

Councilman Navarro indicated that there is no endorsement from the Solicitor as to positive or negative recommendation.

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.

2-10-2 “ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.24.020 REAL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE FOR ELDERLY (ELDERLY AND DISABLED QUALIFICATIONS)”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Navarro, the above Ordinance was adopted as 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.

2-10-3 “ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.24.080 REAL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE FOR ELDERLY (ELDERLY AND DISABLED INCOME QUALIFICATIONS)”

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, the above Ordinance was adopted as on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -8. Councilman Pelletier was not present for roll call vote.

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

**1-10-2 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 6 OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘ANIMALS’”**

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above Ordinance was adopted as 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 CLAIMS
(Michelle Bergin-Andrews, Chair)**

RATIFICATION OF SETTLED CLAIMS FOR: Jacqueline, William and Jae Pezzullo \$775.00; Richard Carroll \$158.40; Balise of Warwick for Li Liu Huang \$3,362.64; Robert W. Hannon \$50.00; Robert Emmett \$50.00; Suzanne Ortgiesen \$223.43; Richard Bolvin \$96.21; Clara Rivera \$172.85.

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to vote on the above claims as a block. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with 1 not present. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -8. Councilman Archetto was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted approve the above claims. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with 2 not present and 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Council President Lanni -6. Council Vice-President Livingston abstained and Councilmen Navarro and Archetto were not present for roll call vote.

Jury Award: Lawrence Field, Calvino Law Associates & Medicare \$30,000.
(for information only).

No action taken.

V. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

Council President Lanni appointed Councilmen Navarro and Aceto to serve on the Joint Council Committee to Explore Consolidation and Regionalization between the Cities of Cranston and Warwick.

VI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

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

None.

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“REQUEST TO BE CONTINUED IN SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR, LT. DAVID COOK, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, 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.

Status of City Securing Foreclosed Homes

Ms. Schutt reported on foreclosed homes and the City addressing them as to minimum housing and securing them. She stated that the City has reported to seven homes in protecting the City’s safety, four are hydrant related and three building maintenance boarded up. As to the City billing the owner, one has been paid, and there are liens on another four.

VIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Lanni thanked the Cranston Fire Department for a job well done in the recent rainstorm water rescue and for their hard work.

Council President Lanni stated that this City Council and Administration is working together for regionalization of services between Cranston and Warwick.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President Livingston

Harbor Management Plan - Status Update

Mr. LaPolla stated that the Plan has cleared all State and Federal review. We are awaiting Administrative issuance.

Council Vice-President Livingston asked that this item be continued to next month’s meeting.

Wentworth Ave.

Council Vice-President Livingston has received a lot of complaints and asked that the Public Works Director look at this road.

Councilman Lupino

School Performance Audit

No discussion.

Legal Analysis

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Councilman Lupino asked why Attorney Oliverio does not appear on the legal expense analysis provided by the Law Department. If they are not appearing on this list, what others are not appearing on this list. Ms. Schutt stated that he will check with Ms. Marino.

Request for next month's Council meeting

Councilman Lupino asked that for the next meeting, he would like an update from the Administration on how the Foreclosure Ordinances are progressing and the Clerk's Office should be involved in that also. He would also like for the next meeting, what we are projecting for sale of the former Police Station property.

Councilman Archetto

Tow Company List

Ms. Schutt stated that the list has been reviewed by the Police Chief and the Purchasing Agent will be going out for RFQ for the next Board of Contract and Purchase meeting.

Councilman Aceto

Natick Ave.

Councilman Aceto asked if we have definite dates for repaving of Phase II and when do we expect work to begin. Mr. Bernardo stated that work is expected this Summer.

Councilman Aceto asked if the City has any reports or updates from National Grid or Tennessee Gas Pipeline or have they inspected the pipelines. Mr. Bernardo stated that there is no Tennessee Gas. National Grid was out and inspected the lines last week.

Emergency Management Procedures

Councilman Aceto stated that a concern he has is during the last rainstorm, as the rivers crested, there was no communication to the Council members or to the Council President from the Administration. Ms. Schutt stated that she and Councilman Pelletier, the Council's Emergency Management Coordinator, had several conversations during that rainstorm, but for her to make nine phone calls, it takes a lot of time. She followed protocol in place.

Councilman Pelletier stated that as Emergency Management Coordinator he wants to recognize the excellent work of Mr. Bernardo.

Councilman Lupino stated that Mr. Lawrence has documentation that there was no acceptance by anyone for the pipeline to go through at Natick Ave. bridge. These documents were presented by Mr. Lawrence at hearings in the past and they are in the record with the City. **Councilman Pelletier** suggested soliciting the Army Corps of Engineers for a temporary steel structure over the bridge.

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Councilman Navarro

Eden Park Auburn Neighborhood Association

Councilman Navarro stated that this association has concerns regarding the Zoning Variances and Site Plan Review and the procedures involved, in particular, notification process. He would like to get more residents' participation. Site Plan Review meets only in the morning and notice is only to those within 200'.

Ms. Schutt stated that the Zoning Board of Review, is governed by Charter and State Law, the Administration would be willing to work with the Council to see if this could be changed. These procedures are mostly done by Charter and State law.

Peter LaPolla, City Planner, appeared to speak and stated that under State Law, there is no notification requirement for Site Plan Review. It is not a public meeting. It is a meeting of technical staff, such as Public Works Director, Planning and Fire Department.

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 – April 5, 2010

3-10-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10.32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "No Parking" (Broad and Narragansett Streets).

Finance Committee – April 15, 2010

- 3-10-1 Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Western Cranston Roads Impact Fees installation of a traffic light at Walnut Grove and Atwood Avenues.
- 3-10-3 Ordinance in amendment Title 3.08, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Contracts and Purchases" (Diesel Emission Reduction).
- 3-10-4 Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Eastern and Western Cranston Recreation Impact Fees for reconstruction of "Hot Boxes" as mandated by Providence Water.
- 3-10-5 Ordinance ratifying the Teamsters Local 251 (Municipal Employees) (FY 2008-2009) and (FY 2009-2012) Contract.

Claims Committee

- *Janet M. Cherella for property damage
- *Linda Marzilli for property damage
- *Melissa Medeiros for property damage
- *Robin Winegar for personal injury
- *Ann Marie DeFusco for property damage
- *Deborah Saccoccio for property damage
- *Robert Blinkhorn for property damage
- *Robert Balasco for property injury
- *Eric Dalnas for property damage
- *Rita Marsella for property damage
- *Denise Mazza for personal injury

*forwarded only to City Council, Solicitor and Anna Marino

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, 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,

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XII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

None.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Domenic DeFusco appeared to represent BASIC for School Children, and stated that this organization is planning a meeting for April 12, 2010 and there questioned whether there is a Finance Committee meeting that date, due to the budget season. He asked that if there is a meeting scheduled for that date, it be changed so the Council members can attend their meeting.

Richard Tomlins, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak and stated that the people of Cranston would like to know where the list is for road repairs.

Walter Lawrence appeared to speak again regarding Tennessee Gas Valley Pipeline and stated that National Grid should not be blamed for this, they inherited it.

Paul Valetta, President of Firefighters Union, appeared to speak and presented State legislation scheduled to be heard March 30th regarding consolidating Fire Departments from Cranston, Providence, East Providence and Johnston. He stated the following statistics: Cranston made 700 runs to Providence last year, 70 responses to Cranston during that time, 53 times Cranston had three rescues in Providence, 10 times Cranston residents had to wait fifteen minutes or more because our rescues were in Providence and we had to call mutual aid. There is no savings attached to this legislation. There is no service effectiveness to this legislation. He guarantees that if this legislation passes, the City of Cranston will be looking at some stations being closed. He asked that the Council join the Mayor in asking the sponsors of this bill to remove Cranston from the legislation. The Cranston Fire Department has been supplementing the City of Providence for years at the cost of the taxpayers.

Councilman Navarro suggested that since the hearing is on the 30th, a letter be drafted on behalf of the full Council to be sent to the legislature opposing these bills and a representative of the Council testify before at the hearing on behalf of the Council.

Council President Lanni asked that the City Clerk draft a letter and the full Council can sign on to be sent to the sponsors of this legislation.

John DeGenova appeared to speak and commended and thanked the Council members who voted for the Resolution regarding the School Funding Formula.

Council President Lanni asked for sponsors of a Resolution opposing this bill, to be voted on at next month's meeting, regarding the issue of consolidating fire departments and accompanying similar police department and public works legislation. All the members of the City Council asked to be placed as sponsors of this Resolution.

Mr. Quinlan stated that the letter will be sent to the legislature advising them that a Resolution will be passed at the April Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist).