

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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The Special meeting of the City Council from Tuesday, May 11, 2006 was reconvened on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 9:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland (left at 9:20 P.M.) and Council President Garabedian –7.

Absent: Councilmen Pisaturo and Fung -2.

Also Present: Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Jerome Baron, Director of Finance; Mike Igoe, City Controller; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Jared Rhodes, City Planner; Marco Schiappa, Director of Public Works.

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On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to adopt the Capital Budget.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland spoke regarding the dome replacing the Ice Rink, while it is being repaired due to the fire and stated that she is concerned about the size of the actual dome and questioned if the City is encroaching on someone else's land. Mr. Schiappa stated that he does not have the actual size of the dome. The City is looking into the location of where the dome is going to be placed and trying to identify the actual property line. PJ Keating has been approached for a land swap and they have agreed to it, if needed.

Council Vice-President McFarland asked who made the ultimate decisions of the projects listed in the Capital Budget and what projects get done. Mr. Rhodes stated that the Planning Commission has the responsibility of putting together the Capital Budget. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that she serves on the Planning Commission and this Commission was not provided with a detailed list of the projects to be placed in the Capital Budget. By doing that, the duties of the Planning Commission were taken away. Now, there are projects going forward that she does not fully support. Mr. Rhodes stated that there was opportunity to get these sorts of discussions out in the Planning Commission. There have been no procedural changes from past practices. He will, for next year, try to rectify this. Ms. Schutt explained the various items in the Capital Budget.

Mr. Schiappa presented a potential list of streets to be paved and a City-Wide street paving list and list of streets that have been paved in the last three years. He stated that these lists have been compiled by the Engineering Division.

Councilman Livingston questioned why there aren't any streets included in this list for Ward 1. Nick Capezza, Chief Engineer, appeared to speak and stated that the streets listed were selected from streets that were in worst shape. Ward 1 did not have streets that were as bad as the ones on the list. He also pointed out that there is not one street on this list from Ward 3.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to approve the Capital Budget. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone and Council President Garabedian - 6. Council Vice-President McFarland was not present for roll call vote, since she left the meeting early.

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Council President Garabedian asked if there were any motions to reconsider anything that the Council passed on May 9, 2006.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, in view of the Charter that is not legal, it was voted to reconsider the motion made on May 9, 2006 regarding the position of Permit Technician in the Inspections Department.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that it would not be proper to vote on this at this time, since the Council voted on the Budget as a whole on May 9, 2006. It would have to be a subsequent Ordinance. He, Mr. Quinlan and Mr. Grimes agreed to draft an Ordinance to clarify classified and unclassified positions and which ones are to be tested and which are not. Mr. Quinlan agreed with Mr. Kirshenbaum.

Councilman Lanni withdrew his motion and Council Member Fogarty withdrew her second to the motion based on statements made by Mr. Kirshenbaum and Mr. Quinlan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Heather Finger, Stenotypist)