

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, May 11, 2006 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair
Council Member Maria A. Bucci, Vice-Chair
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Councilman Terence Livingston
Councilman Michael S. Pisaturo

Also Present: Council Vice-President Paula McFarland
Paul Grimes, Director of Administration
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Marco Schiappa, Director of Public Works
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Request from Resource Recovery to tie into the City's sewer system (Cont. from 4/13/2006).

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak and requested a one-month continuance. Council President Garabedian stated that the City Council received correspondence from the Finance Director stating that RI Resource Recovery owes the City money in the amount of \$1,012,386. He questioned, if they owe the City money, he wonders how we can get the money from them. Mr. Schiappa stated that the City is working on getting the money from them right now. Council President Garabedian asked if this amount includes interest. Mr. Schiappa stated that he does not know because this amount comes from Tax Collections.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item for one month for updates. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Adjustments:

10 Garfield Avenue –Richard Luke and Robyn Robidoux (Cont. from 4/13/2006).

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak and asked for a continuance on this item since paperwork cannot be found and the applicant need to be contacted to find out the reason for this request for sewer adjustment.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Abandonment of a portion of Burton St. (Public Hearing)

John DiBona, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant. He pointed out that when the Council approved the Comprehensive Plan and Zone Change for this back in 2004, it was conditional on access not being through Burton St., but through Caddy St. and the developer would pay for the upgrade to Caddy St., which would cost approximately \$300,000. Councilman Lanni questioned if there is going to be a buffer or barrier installed on the populated portion of Burton St. Attorney DiBona stated, yes. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to recommend approval of this Abandonment. Motion passed unanimously.

Abandonment of Richfield Ave. (Public Hearing)

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant and presented a set of maps. He stated that the existing street proposed to be abandoned will be strictly used for parking. Councilman Barone questioned if the Traffic Engineer has approved the southern egress right turn only. Attorney Murray stated that that will be approved through the Site Plan Review process. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to recommend approval of this Abandonment. Motion passed unanimously.

Aerial Easement request from Yardworks for 140 Mayflower Dr.

Mr. Schiappa appeared to speak and stated that the extension of this line will not interfere with the operation of the pumping station. Councilman Lanni asked if there is a monetary value for this particular easement. Mr. Schiappa stated that one has not been presented. This is strictly for wire, not easement on the ground.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to approve this easement request. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pole locations for:
Tupelo Hill Dr.**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Warwick Ave.

Mr. Schiappa stated that this is not needed and does not need to be acted on.

Oaklawn & Cottrell

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

Mohawk Trail

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to approve this pole location. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees