

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Mario Aceto, Chair
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Council Member Michelle Bergin-Andrews

Absent: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Richard Bernardo, Director of Public Works
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Ms. Schutt stated that she spoke to Solicitor Cipriano, who will be drafting an Ordinance codifying all current stop signs as of a certain day. She also spoke to Maria Giarrusso, GIS Manager, and all the authorized stop signs have been loaded in the GIS map and identification process can be started. She can assign sections to patrol persons to check.

Councilman Pelletier asked approximately how long this process will take. Ms. Schutt stated it is a tedious task and that she would imagine it would take a few months because someone would have to drive up and down every street to identify the stop signs.

Councilman Aceto asked why as we are wasting manpower by doing this. He questioned why not pass an Ordinance, with the support of the Mayor, codifying all the stop signs. Ms. Schutt stated that her concern is how do you determine when an uncodified stop sign went up? She stated we are sort of doing both and would like direction from the Council as to what to do.

Councilman Aceto asked that either Municipal Court Judge Joslyn or Colonel Palombo provide the following information: how many violations have been voided within the last four years because there were no stop signs up or it is not in the City Code.

Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews suggested waiting and not do anything until we get the figures from the Municipal Court Judge to see if it is even worth doing this. There may be only a handful of violations that have been thrown out and it may not be worth it.

Chair stated that the main reason for doing this was to have an inventory of what stop signs we have in the City and where. He asked that the City Clerk work with Solicitor Kirshenbaum to draft an Ordinance codifying all the stop signs.

Natick Ave. Bridge – Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Cont. 4/15/2010 report from Solicitor on Lawrence documents)

Ms. Schutt stated that there is ongoing discussion between Solicitor Rawlson and Mr. Lawrence.

This item is continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from National Grid for pole location at Brettonwoods Dr.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees