

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Michelle Bergin-Andrews

Also Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Mahoney, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair stated that he received a letter today from residents regarding a zoning application and permit that was issued. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he will have this letter forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Solicitors for review. Chair asked that someone from Administration give these residents a call advising them of the status of this issue.

Councilman Pelletier indicated that this area is in Ward 6.

Chair stated that he received an e-mail from Solicitor Kirshenbaum of a strong letter to be sent to the Town of Johnston updating them of where we stand with the Inter-jurisdictional Agreement. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he has no problem with entering this letter into the record. He also stated that no correspondence has been received from Johnston regarding this issue. This has been going on since April 20, 2010.

Council President Lanni stated that this Council and Administration has spent countless hours trying to work with RI Resource Recovery and the Town of Johnston to sit down and discuss the claims and we have been stonewalled. If we are going to act, we have to act now. RI Resource Recovery is the biggest polluter in the State of Rhode Island and all that pollution is going into our sewer system.

Councilman Santamaria stated that the letter drafted by Solicitor Kirshenbaum gives 30 days to respond. He asked if the 30 days go into effect with the date of this letter, which is November 10th. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated, yes.

Chair asked if Veolia is trying to enforce the pre-treatment. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the Plant Superintendent is out for a period of time. They are continuing to be monitored.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that it is advantageous for us to have this agreement and it gives us the inspection rights and it is required by law for us to have it.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Petition from Verizon for proposed excavation on Cranston St.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this petition. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Lake Garden Dr.

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously

Councilman Archetto asked that, on a separate matter, the following be placed in the minutes:

He called Carl Dionne of National Grid and left messages and has not received a call back from him.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees