

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair  
Councilman Terence Livingston  
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone  
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Council Member Maria A. Bucci, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Kirk McDonough

Also Present: Council Vice-President Paula McFarland  
Council Member Cynthia M. Fogarty  
Paul Grimes, Director of Administration  
Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Livingston, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

**Petition from National Grid for pole location at Marine Drive (Tabled 7/13/2006, 8/17/2006, 9/14/2006 and 10/12/2006).**

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to leave this item on the table. Motion passed unanimously.

**Petition for Abandonment of a portion of Amflex Dr. (Public Hearing)  
Continued from 10/12/2006.**

**Robert Murray, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant and referred to a packet he provided to the City Clerk regarding this Abandonment. He also referred to the Abandonment of a portion of Pine Ridge Dr., which was approved January 31, 2005 and required no consideration. He asked that this Abandonment be approved similar to that and be approved without the requirement of consideration because it is in the best interest of the City and would provide economic development growth in the City.

Councilman Livingston stated that he is concerned as to the why the City does not conduct the appraisal. He would have a little more of a comfort in approving an Abandonment if the City conducted the appraisal.

Attorney Murray stated that this is at a critical stage and it is of essence with this particular issue. If the Council would like to change the Ordinance to have the City do the appraisal, he does not have a problem with that being done for future Abandonments.

Councilman Barone asked the following questions: has traffic increase has been addressed; is any development is going to be done; has drainage issue been looked at. Mr. Schiappa stated that this project at this site is in keeping as to what that development is for.

Council President Garabedian asked how wide the street is. Attorney Murray stated 6-‘ right of way and approximately 40’ of pavement. Council President Garabedian asked if the street has to be put out to bid. **John Vallone, Esq.**, appeared to speak and stated that he believes that the City can waive any requirement that the Council believes is in the best interest of the City. That is discretionary.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to recommend approval of this Abandonment with no monetary paid to the City as requested by applicant. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

### **Sewer Adjustments**

**Mr. Schiappa** appeared to speak regarding the list of Sewer Adjustments and asked that they be voted on separately.

- **28 Selkirk Rd.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended an adjustment for this year and anything beyond this current year, this Committee would have to decide on.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the adjustment for the entire amount. Motion passed unanimously.

- **210 Sockanosset Cross Road**

Mr. Schiappa recommended that no action be taken on this particular request and continue it to next month for more information.

- **185 Oaklawn Ave.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended approval.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve this adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

- **19 Vervena St.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended approval.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve this adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

- **358 Bay View Ave.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended denial.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to deny this adjustment. Motion passed on a vote of 3-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Barone and Council President Garabedian -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Livingston -1.

- **35 Wheeler Ave.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended denial.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to deny this adjustment. Motion passed on a vote of 3-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Barone and Council President Garabedian -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Livingston -1.

- **989 Reservoir Ave.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended that no action be taken on this particular request and continue it to next month for more information.

- **21 Calef St.**

Mr. Schiappa recommended paying for this year and the Committee can decide how many more years to charge the taxpayer, because he does not know how long he was connected to the sewer system without paying taxes.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to table this item Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees