

## **REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-NOVEMBER 24, 2003-**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cranston was held on Monday, November 24, 2003.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:20 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

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; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

Councilwoman O’Hara led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Pastore asked for a moment of silent prayer for the people in the military, as we enter the holiday season, in particular, Thanksgiving.

Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and stand approved as recorded.

### **I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

No Business.

### **II. INTRODUCTION OF UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS**

No Business.

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### **III. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Grimes stated that at last Thursday's Committee meetings, the Council members received a copy of the valuation for the pension fund for Police and Fire retirees and highlighted a few items.

Mr. Kirshenbaum spoke regarding the use of the City Hall parking lot by the Park Cinema. He stated that there is a lease agreement between the City and Park Cinema at no cost or financial impact to the City. This is a five-year lease. At the end of the five years, there will be an appraisal process. There is a mechanism in place for both the City and School Department and the tenant to meet and go over the calendar to block out dates when the City would be using the parking lot.

Councilwoman McFarland asked that before entering into an agreement, the Solicitor look at the lease implementing the five-year plan and whether CDBG money can be used or replaced.

Council Member Fogarty stated her concern that the City Council did not enter into any memorandum of agreement and the City Council did not abrogate its power to lease the parking lot. Per Section 3.16 of the Charter, lease of public buildings, it is the City Council and not the Mayor that can enter into agreements.

Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that there are Ordinances that require approval of the Council in the event of a financial transfer. This is a permissive use due to an economic development project, which was approved by the Council.

Councilman Lanni asked if CDBG money will be paid back. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that there is no mention in this lease for repayment of CDBG. Councilman Lanni stated that CDBG money should not be used as a free grant to a movie theatre or any private business. CDBG money is to be used for low income housing. It should be in the form of a low interest loan. Councilwoman McFarland stated that the amount of CDBG money given to the Park Cinema was \$60,000 for the facade work. She suggested amending the lease to include \$500 a month paid by the Park Cinema to the City for using the parking lot to reimburse the CDBG.

Council President Pastore agreed with Council Member Fogarty that the lease should be approved by the City Council. He referred to Section 2.6-1 of the Code "submitting financial reports" be filed quarterly with Council and Mayor. He gave one example he can recall in this similar situation – when St. Mary's Feast Society, which leased the land from the City and this was approved by the City Council. Mr. Grimes stated that the parking lot would be used by the patrons of the Park Cinema anyway and the lease is only being done to indemnify the City.

The Administration will forward a copy of the lease to the City Council.

### **IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Pastore stated that a letter was sent by Mr. Grimes advising Superintendent Ciarlo that Abrams Group would be conducting the Performance Audit for \$110,000. He asked if there is money in the budget to fund this project. Mr. Grimes stated that the money will be provided by the School Department and it will be considered part of the Caruolo Act. The City will make the payments and will be reimbursed once the budget issues are resolved. Council President Pastore asked where the City is going to get the money to pay for this upfront for the School Department. He also stated that he was under the impression that this was not going to go forward.

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Council President Pastore stated that he received a letter from URI dated November 5 regarding source water assessment study of the reservoir and they are requesting a meeting to go over their findings. He handed this study to Councilman McDonough, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and suggested that the Public Works Committee discuss this.

Council President Pastore asked Mr. Quinlan to address the use of contingency funds with regard to year end transfers. Mr. Quinlan stated that he also reviewed a letter from the Solicitor to Mr. Grimes dated November 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the use of contingency funds. He stated that one of the points was whether the year end transfers violated the City Charter and the Solicitor's answer was, yes, but that they were not done knowingly. He stated that curing year end transfers with contingency funds violates Section 6.18. Essence of 6.18 is if knowingly expended funds beyond budgeted amount. Would be illegal but there would be no consequences to the Council or the Mayor. The Solicitor's memo does not really address Section 6.18. Another point was if the contingency fund could be used for transfer to other departments. The Charter does not mention contingency funds. Section 6.17 limits emergency funds to \$150,00 a year. Section 6 of the Charter must be read as one document. One section no one has talked about is the section regarding life of appropriations. There are some transfers being asked by the Administration to be passed by the Council. Mr. Quinlan suggested the Council see declaratory relief. Believes the expenditures are void. He suggested those funds do not appear after the end of the fiscal year. They would be appropriated in the General Fund for the following fiscal year. Council President asked that the Mayor, Solicitor and Mr. Quinlan obtain a declaratory judgment and have Judge come to a conclusion on this as soon as possible. Councilman Fung questioned Mr. Quinlan's interpretation. Councilman Jackvony stated he assumed these were unknowing violations.

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted that the Council directs Mr. Quinlan to work with the Administration to prepare jointly a declaratory judgment from the proper Court. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen O'Hara, McFarland, Councilmen Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony and Ferolito -3. Council Member Fogarty was not present for this vote.

Mr. Igoe appeared to give updates on the financials. He stated that on the

- Revenue side, projected additional \$400,000 to come in from the State
- Expense side, budgeted pension contribution exceeds \$900,000. Mr. Baron stated that this was not over-funded as this figure came from an actuarial evaluation, which was completed months after the budget was adopted. Mr. Grimes stated that it should be \$1.6 million.
- Fire Department's Overtime will exceed budget. This number has not been determined yet. Possibly a six figure item.

Councilwoman McFarland asked that Mr. Igoe provide the Council with some type of summary report stating all this information in a memo form from now on. Council President Pastore asked that there be a written recap on material variances.

### **V. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilman Jackvony asked that the Council's Rules Committee be reconvened to clarify some items that came up at the last Committee meetings. Councilwoman O'Hara, Chair of the Rules Committee, stated that she will contact the City Clerk to set a date.

Councilman McDonough thanked members of the Council for their thoughts and prayers in the recent death in his family.

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## **VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Aram Garabedian**, 173 Belvedere Dr., appeared to speak regarding Ordinance 10-03-2 and quoted Section 7 of the Charter on what the responsibilities of the Finance Director are. He stated that there is a need for an Internal Auditor and this person will follow whether the Finance Director is following the Charter. This position is extremely important to the City.

**Paul Valetta**, President of Local Firefighters 1363, appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 11-03-1. Council President stated that that is not on the Docket this evening, it is to be introduced for hearing at the December meeting.

**Richard Tomlin**, appeared to represent the Citizens for Fair and Equitable Tax Treatment, Inc. and spoke regarding the Internal Auditor position and stated that the Council has their own Solicitor. He asked, where are we going to stop? Who are we going to get to watch the Internal Auditor? Council President Pastore stated that the Auditor General mandated that we hire this person. Mr. Tomlin recommended that we go outside of the City to hire for this position. Mr. Quinlan and Mr. Woerner, who is being considered for the position of Internal Auditor, were part of the past Administration and were part of the problems we have now and they should not be hired to solve the problems we have.

## **VII. UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS**

No Business.

## **VIII. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS**

No Business.

## **IX. REPORT OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE**

### **9-03-1 “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 (BUDGET-CROSSING GUARDS). (AS AMENDED).”**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, it was voted to approve this Ordinance.

#### Under Discussion:

On motion by Councilman Jackvony, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Ordinance was amended as follows:

- Section 1, under “Municipal Indebtedness”, delete “School transfers to take effective 4<sup>th</sup> quarter \$2.8 million”
- Amend amount for “Total Municipal Indebtedness” to read “\$7,395,793”
- Under Section entitled “Changing the following”, delete “School transfer effective 4<sup>th</sup> quarter \$2.8 million”
- Delete “Total Municipal Indebtedness \$9,363,793 and \$9,363,793”
- Add “Adjusted Municipal Indebtedness as of the first business day of April, 2004 \$6,563,793”.

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”:  
Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty,  
Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council  
President Pastore–9.

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Councilwoman McFarland stated that she would like this to be referred back to Committee since it has been amended so many times. She does not feel comfortable voting on this tonight and it should be re-advertised. Council President Pastore stated that he recommends re-advertising this Ordinance with the amendments and referred to the next Council meeting. He asked Solicitor, if given the amendments made tonight, should this Ordinance be re-advertised and if it is re-advertised, can it be sent directly to the Council meeting and not Finance or Ordinance Committee. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that in this case, it should be re-advertised given the nature that we are dealing with millions of dollars. Public Hearing can be held at the Council meeting, if it can be held earlier in Committee, that would be fine. He quoted Section 3.12 of the Charter and this is why he believes the full Council can hold the Public Hearings on this Ordinance. Council President stated that no motion to approve is needed, since this is going to be advertised.

Councilwoman McFarland removed her motion to approve and Councilman Ferolito removed his second.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to re-advertise this Ordinance and refer it to the December Council meeting. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore-9.

**10-03-2      "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 (INTERNAL AUDITOR POSITION). (REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/2003)."**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Ferolito -2.

Council President Pastore asked to take out of order "Election of City Officials". No one opposed.

## **X.      ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS**

Councilwoman O'Hara stated that as Chair of the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommends appointing Steve Woerner for Internal Auditor position.

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to appoint Steve Woerner to the position of Internal Auditor. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Ferolito -2.

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**IX. REPORT OF COMMITTEES (cont.)  
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**10-03-3      “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004.  
(Personnel Department) (As amended).”**

Councilwoman McFarland suggested an amendment be made to state “this position shall expire on April 30, 2004” since this is a short term position.

On motion by Councilman Jackvony, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to amend the above Ordinance as follows:

- Section 2, amend “Total Municipal Debt” to “\$6,563,793”
- Under the substitution section, add new line “Adjusted Municipal Indebtedness as of the first business day of April, 2004” \$6,533,293 and delete “School transfer effective 4<sup>th</sup> quarter \$2.8 million”
- Section 3, after “adding thereto the following” add new line “at end of business day of April 30, 2004 this position will expire”

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilwoman O’Hara, it was voted to refer this Ordinance to the December Council meeting without the necessity of it being referred to the Finance Committee or Ordinance Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**10-03-5      “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘SAME-BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 5:00  
PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY’ BY ADDING CLEMENCE  
ST., PORTION OF”.**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**10-03-6      “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘NO PARKING ON CERTAIN  
STREETS-GENERALLY’ BY ADDING KENWOOD ST.,  
PORTION OF”.**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

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**10-03-7      “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘STOP INTERSECTIONS-ENUMERATED’ BY ADDING SOPHIA DR., PORTION OF AND LINDSAY LANE, PORTION OF”.**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**10-03-8      “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘NO PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS-GENERALLY’ BY ADDING BRAYTON AVE., PORTION OF (AS AMENDED ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/2003).”**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman McDonough, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**10-03-9      “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘SAME-NEAR SCHOOLS WHEN SCHOOL IN SESSION’ SUBSECTION (j), ENTITLED ‘PARK VIEW SCHOOL’ BY ADDING STRATHCONA RD., PORTION OF.”**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilwoman O’Hara, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**10-03-10     “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’, ‘STOP INTERSECTIONS-ENUMERATED’ BY ADDING HODSELL ST., PORTION OF; ‘STOP INTERSECTIONS-ENUMERATED’ BY DELETING GARDEN ST., PORTION OF.”**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilwoman O’Hara, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

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**10-03-11      “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO SELL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS (OAKLAWN LIBRARY/WILBUR AVENUE) (AS AMENDED).”**

Councilwoman McFarland stated that after speaking with Mr. Grimes, he told her that the City will not be doing an appraisal. They will be using numbers based on the Tax Assessor’s roll. She stated that we need to conform with the Code requirements, which is that a fair market value appraisal is needed. Council President Pastore stated that we can table the Ordinance and get the appraisal done. Mr. Kirshenbaum quoted Section 7.08 of the Charter “Powers and duties of Purchasing Agent”.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman McDonough, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0, subject to complying with the Ordinance in place regarding fair market value appraisal. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. Councilwoman O’Hara recused herself.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR (REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS).”**

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR (MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS).”**

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for vote.

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOMESTEAD ABATEMENTS– RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR.”**

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for vote.

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ABATEMENTS- RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR.”**

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for vote.

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### **“TAX INTEREST WAIVER LIST”.**

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this list on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

### **XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

No Business.

### **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilwoman O’Hara, the following introduced Ordinances be advertised for hearing before the Ordinance Committee on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7 PM pursuant to Sec. 3.12 of the Charter on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

11-03-1 Ordinance establishing a Revolving Loan Fund for EMTC Training.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE 12/4/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE  
12/4/2003.

### **XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK**

No Business.

### **XIV. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS**

**Representative Joe Egan**, 63 Glen Ave., appeared to speak regarding an article in last week’s Journal regarding new actuary report reflecting reduced amount of employer contribution that will be required. Council President Pastore suggested Councilwoman O’Hara, as Chair of the Audit Committee, ask the Audit Committee review the following: 1) how many municipalities base their pension fees on a –0-% COLA; 2) adding ten years to the annurization schedule; 3) check with the Auditor General if he concurs with the actuary study whether the numbers are conservative. Councilman Lanni asked who reviewed the actuarial report. Mr. Grimes stated the Finance Department reviews the actuarial report and the Administration confers whether they agree with it or not. This is the same procedure used by the previous Administration and same consultants (Buck Consultants) used by past Administration, who are very reputable.

**Paul Valetta**, President Firefighters Local 1363, appeared to speak and stated that the consultants do not come up with the part of the pension that the City gave them. They do not make up the 3% or taking away the COLAS. This report is based on a few components. This report takes away the following: 1) the 3% the 395 retirees are losing; 2) the open-ended escalation, which has been part of their pension since 1968; 3) they have put in a 8% investment returns; 4) they have capped the 3% annual raises.

**John DiGenova**, Vice-President of Firefighters Local 1363, appeared to speak regarding outside legal counsel. He stated that he spoke to all the Union Presidents in the City and altogether, a total of 18 hours were held for face to face negotiations with the City. The rest of the 555 hours reported in the Journal was probably for prep work. He stated that the Journal listed campaign contributors to the Mayor, and this list contained names of attorneys the Mayor hired. This is a conflict.

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**Albert Benetti**, 24 Concord Ave., appeared to speak and stated that if both the City and State employees do not start contributing, the cost is going to fall on the burden of the people of this City and State. He also stated that the Mayor should address the public on what is going on as to the accusations made by Mr. DeGenova.

**Richard Tomlin** appeared to represent the Citizens for Fair and Equitable Tax Treatment Inc. and stated that as to the accusations made by Mr. DeGenova, the Mayor has to answer to this, maybe as a letter to the Editor.

**Ken Rouleau**, 66 Nelson Rd., appeared to speak and stated that he would like the Park Cinema cleaned up. It reflects poorly on the whole City.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio and Paula Campania Stenotypists)