

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilman John E. Lanni
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Council Member Maria A. Bucci, Chair
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro

Also Present: Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor
Charles Garganese, Assistant City Solicitor
Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Anthony Sylvia, 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 Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, 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:

8S-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Health and Safety" (Mandatory Recycling). (Tabled 8/14/2008 and 9/11/2008).

8S-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Health and Safety" (Penalties for Environmental Violations). (Tabled 8/14/2008 and 9/11/2008).

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to remove the above two Ordinances from the table. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sylvia stated that the RI Resource Management has made available to the City just over \$50,000 in grants. As to the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, 8S-08-1, one of the things that has been changed in this Ordinance is the residents must place a minimum of one recycling bin out per week. He is working with Waste Management in having the trash picked up before recycling so the bins are not left out on the curb prior to pick up, which will avoid the bins from being blown away. The City will be monitoring if the residents do not place the recycling bins week after week. This will be monitored by Waste Management's help along with the City's Recycling Coordinator.

Mr. Sylvia stated that in Ordinance 8S-08-2, the City is also working to increase a few of the fees.

Chair asked Solicitor if he has any opinion regarding these two Ordinances. Mr. Garganese stated that he has not had a chance to review them. City Clerk indicated that since the Public Works Director recommends amendments, she recommended that the Committee make a motion to amend the Ordinances and they will be re-advertised for the November Public Works Committee meeting.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to amend both Ordinances as recommended by the Public Works Director and re-advertise them for the November Public Works Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

Request from National Grid for Pole Location at Plymouth St.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees