

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Absent: Council Member Maria A. Bucci

Also Present: Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Councilman Anthony Lupino
Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor
Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, 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:

7-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Halfway Housing). Referred from City Council 9/22/2008.

Chair stated that this Ordinance was before this Committee at the September meeting and was continued for sixty days, which would be November and was placed on this agenda in error.

7-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Definitions). Cont. 9/11/2008.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

8-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel” (Historical Cemeteries Commission). Amended 9/11/2008.

Councilman Barone and Lanni asked to be added as co-sponsors. Chair asked that all Committee members be added as co-sponsors.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

8-08-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance” (School Budget and Officials’ Liability). Amended 9/11/2008.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

8-08-10 Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan of 1992 (Glen Hills Section).

9-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – Glen Hills Section).

Chair stated that Ordinances 8-08-10 and 9-08-2 will be continued since there is no recommendation from the Planning Commission at this point and will be heard at the November 13, 2008 Ordinance Committee meeting.

9-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 870 Oaklawn Ave.).

Dennis Greco, Esq., appeared to represent Tom Sacco, applicant.

Tom Sacco, 21 Sweet Briar Dr. appeared to speak.

Attorney Greco stated that Mr. Sacco is attempting to open a pizza restaurant and serve beer and wine. He had applied for a zoning variance, which the Zoning Board of Review denied. This is not a measure of spot zoning, it is exactly what the Comprehensive Plan offers for the Oaklawn Ave. area. Attorney Greco presented a petition in support of this Zone Change and also a copy of the future land use map.

Mr. Sacco stated that he is proposing to open a pizzeria at 870 Oaklawn Ave. and will be open six days a week. He stated that he employs 22 in the Providence location and will be doing the same in Cranston. The hours of operation will be 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM and will be serving beer and wine.

Public Speakers:

Jim Carr, 492 Oaklawn Ave., appeared to speak in favor. He stated that he is a Police Officer in Providence and he has frequented Mr. Sacco's Chalkstone Ave., Providence location. He researched records of this location from October 16, 2005 to October 16, 2008 both in night shift and day shift and there were zero Police calls for service, aside from normal Police patrol. He has complete confidence in Mr. Sacco that he will be running a neighbor/friendly business in the area.

Anthony DelGrande, 81 Sweet Briar Rd., appeared to speak in favor of this Ordinance.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees