

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Absent: Council Vice-President Paula McFarland, Vice-Chair
Councilman Anthony J. Lupino
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro

Also Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Charles Garganese, Assistant City Solicitor
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Donald Gray, City Treasurer
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 Council President Garabedian, 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:

Traffic Engineer's Report on Proposed Traffic Study for Edgewood

Chair stated that he spoke to the Traffic Engineer, who informed him that there is an RFP in draft form and is prepared to go out soon. Mr. Sylvia appeared to speak.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS

Real Estate/Tangible Tax Abatements

No one appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements

No one appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Tax Abatements. Motion passed unanimously.

Notification pursuant to Ordinance 3.12.080 from City Treasurer of Waiver of Interest (For Information Only)

Tax Interest Waiver Denials

Mr. Gray appeared to speak. Chair stated that he has asked Mr. Gray to make a recommendation regarding a request of a tax interest waiver from Michael Reyes of 5 Mayfair Rd., which is not listed on the agenda. This taxpayer has never been late on his taxes in the past. He asked that the request of tax interest waiver for 5 Mayfair Rd. be approved and the remainder on the list be denied.

Mr. Gray stated that from the denied interest waiver requests, he recommends Marlene Scungio be denied. In 2005, she requested a waiver of interest, which is not more than five years as the Ordinance states.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to approve the denied tax interest waiver list, as recommended by the City Treasurer, except for Mr. Reyes of 5 Mayfair Rd. and Ms. Scungio of 185 Curtis St. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to approve the tax interest waiver requests of Mr. Reyes of 5 Mayfair Rd. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve the tax interest waiver requests of Ms. Scungio of 185 Curtis St. Motion passed unanimously.

Tax Interest Waiver Approvals

Mr. Gray appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to approve the approved tax interest waiver requests, as recommended by City Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee