

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Representative Robert Jacquard
Brian Dupont
Richard Martin
Michael Behm
Amy Sinyei

Absent: Councilwoman Leslie A. Luciano
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Senator Beatrice Lanzi

Also Present: Council President Anthony J. Lupino
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lupino, seconded by Mr. Behm, 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:

Chair read correspondence from the Administration regarding the buyouts and the Fletcher Ave. flood wall.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Report from Administration regarding:** (Cont. from 5/16/11)
 - *Mayor's concerns stated in his Veto message for Ordinance regarding tax relief.*

Chair indicated that the bill before the General Assembly regarding a tax break did not pass the Senate by unanimous vote and we would have to re-apply in January.

- *Status of issue regarding swampy area behind ball field on Atwood Ave.*

Chair stated that work is done.

- *Pawtuxet River Authority – Mike Marandola*

No discussion was held.

- *Update on questionnaire regarding buyout*

Chair stated that this item is addressed in the memo from the Administration.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Palmieri, 1 Moore Ave., appeared to speak and asked how people would find out if their home is one of the homes approved in the buyout. **Chair** stated that they should call Mr. Cordy, Director of Administration.

David England, 92 Perkins Ave., appeared to speak and asked when the Bill regarding the tax relief will be re-submitted. **Chair** stated that the General Assembly will not be back in session until January.

Council President Lupino stated that the Resolution sent to the General Assembly was passed by the majority of the City Council regardless of what the Mayor says. He asked that that Resolution be placed on the December Council docket asking the General Assembly approval regarding tax breaks.

Chair asked that the Administration be asked to address the question of why the people were asked at the last minute to provide paperwork to the City by giving them one-day's time to get the paperwork to the City.

Mr. Dupont stated that the City does not have an adequate plan in place in an emergency. There should be a plan in place whether it be volunteers. He used the example of Hurricane Irene and Perkins Ave. having fifteen to twenty homes without electricity for at least five days more then they should have. As an Advisory Board, this Committee should address a plan to the Administration.

On motion by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Behm, it was voted to ask Dave Vallee of the Weather Service to attend the next meeting to indicate to the Committee how serious of a condition the City would have been in if Hurricane Irene was worse then it was. Motion passed unanimously.

Jane Joley, Riverview Terrace, appeared to speak and stated that Riverview Terrace has been flooded three times. She question if FEMA will respond if it gets flooded again.

Chair announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees