

(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).

CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Chair
Councilwoman Leslie A. Luciano, Vice-Chair
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio
Council Vice-President Robert J. Pelletier

Also Present: Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
Anna Marino, Claims Examiner
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING

Leonora Costello, 1590 Plainfield Circle, appeared to speak regarding a sewer backup that occurred at her home and claims that she has filed with the City. She asked what the status is of her claim.

Chair asked Solicitor to address Ms. Costello's question. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he is not ready to make a recommendation to the Committee as to the disposition of this claim. This claim has not been heard by this Committee yet.

Thomas Costello, 1590 Plainfield Circle, appeared to speak and asked why he and his wife were told that they can't speak to their Councilman, Councilman Richard Santamaria. Council Vice-President Pelletier stated that they were advised by Council President Lupino that they could speak to Councilman Santamaria on anything but the claim, until the claim is resolved. This issue cannot be discussed with Councilman Santamaria.

The following names of claimants and the nature of the claims were read into the record.

Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

- **Introduction of new claims and review of pending claims:**

<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Date of Incident</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>
Nancy Revens	04/20/11	auto accident
James Faulkenberry	06/09/11	damage from tree
Mary Bernardo	08/09/11	damage from tree
Verizon	01/21/11	damage to pole
Sandra Furlong	04/09/11	trip and fall
Stephen Gentile	08/16/11	pothole damage

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Luciano, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:25 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:45 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to add to the minutes the following motions of settlement offers this Committee made in Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Revens

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Luciano, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

James Faulkenberry

No action taken. Prior denial stands.

Mary Bernardo

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Luciano, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Verizon

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$2,732.37. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Furlong

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$2,000. Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Luciano, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed on a vote of 3-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Favicchio and Council Vice-President Pelletier -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": councilmen Stycos and Archetto -2.

Stephen Gentile

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$205.15 (50%). Motion passed on a vote of 4-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Archetto, Favicchio and Council Vice-President Pelletier -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Luciano -1.

Ms. Marino indicated that the EMT insurance renewal is due on October 1st in the amount of \$5,709.28.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve the renewal for this insurance policy. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee