

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-SEPTEMBER 8, 2009-

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by the Acting Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews and Acting Council President Livingston -8.

Absent: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro Archetto and Council Vice-President Livingston -4.

Also Present: Robin Muksian-Schutt, Director of Administration; Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration; Peter LaPolla, City Planner.

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**CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In Accordance with Section 3.07 and 14.17 of the Home Rule Charter and, Section 2.04.060 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
869 Park Ave.,
Cranston, RI. 02910

Workshop on Future Land Use Plan for the City Comprehensive Plan

And I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 31st day of August, 2009.

/s/ Terence Livingston, Acting Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Office of the City Clerk at 461-1000 Ext. 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.”

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Amended Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 31st day of August , 2009 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

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Mr. LaPolla appeared to give a presentation and presented an old copy of Land and Use Plan. He stated that all 32,000 parcels in the City have been divided into future land use categories and color coded. All State, Municipal or Government properties have been identified and designated on the Land Use Plan. Two Commercial categories have been created: Highway Commercial Services and Neighborhood Commercial Services, such as Garden City, Knightsville and Pawtuxet Village. There are four to five parcels in the City, which are Special Zoning designations categorized as Mixed Zone Developments – Chapel View, Mulligan’s Island, Johnson & Wales and apartment complex on Plainfield Pike. There are also areas which are zoned wrong, such as Phenix Terrace and needs to be changed. As to Residential, the plan designates residential totally by density. This posed two problems. What is being proposed is two residential categories.

Councilman Pelletier asked what the current zoning is for Phenix Terrace. Mr. LaPolla stated, A-12. His suggestion is leave it the way it is now and as requests for developments come in, Zoning can be addressed at that time by the City Council.

Councilman Aceto asked, from an economic standpoint, how is this Plan going to help us? Mr. LaPolla stated that Residential homes lose the City money. You break even with Apartments and Condos and Industrial properties. How this plan would help the City, we have expanded Commercial a little and have kept Industrial the same. Councilman Aceto asked if there is any designation with abandoned, blighted areas, such as the property across from the Police station on Garfield Ave. Mr. LaPolla stated that this area was designated as a Special Project area. Designating blighted areas is more of a Redevelopment function. It is not a Land Use Plan function.

Council Member Bergin-Andrews asked what the current Zoning is for Mulligan’s Island. Mr. LaPolla stated, MPD.

Councilman Pelletier asked if this map will be available to the public on the City’s website. Mr. LaPolla stated that his first step was to present it to the Planning Commission and to the City Council and present it to the Administration. He can have it placed on the City’s website, it is a public document.

Councilman Lupino asked what control the City has over the Pastore building. Mr. LaPolla stated that right now, none. What we are proposing is designate this as government activity.

Councilman Navarro asked what percentage are new designations recommended by the Planning Department. Mr. LaPolla stated, very little. Approximately 95% reflected existing usage or there was a minimal change. Councilman Navarro asked Mr. LaPolla if he could provide the Council with a list of these new designations by categories. Mr. LaPolla stated that he can try to provide this list.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Heather Finger, Stenotypist).