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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by the Chair.

Present                    Councilmember Paul J. McAuley  
                                 Councilmember John P. Donegan  
                                 Councilmember Edward J. Brady  
                                 Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas  
                                 Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair  
                                 Council President Michael J Farina

Absent:                    Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Ex-Officio

Also Present:            Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration  
                                 Robert Strom, Director of Finance  
                                 John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
                                 David Dimaio, City Council Auditor/Budget Analyst  
                                 Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk  
                                 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
                                 Heather Finger, Stenographer

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, 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/COMMUNICATIONS**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-19-04 Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153, Custodian Unit (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020). Introduced Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1.**

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

**Joseph Balducci**, School Department Chief Financial Officer, appeared to speak and stated that this is a wage re-opener only. He also stated that the School Department's decision to go with the re-openers is a good approach.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

- ***Real Estate Tax Abatements***

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements***

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by City Assessor.

Under Discussion:

**Councilmember McAuley** indicated to page 1 of the adjustments and questioned the amount. Director Strom stated that this is a leasing company. The \$309,408 is being changed to \$309,321 and it must be due to the value of the reduction.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements and motion passed unanimously.

- ***Tangible Tax Abatements***

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Tax Assessment Board of Review Decisions as of December 31, 2018***

Informational only. No action needed.

- ***Tax Interest Waiver Approvals***

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by City Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Tax Interest Waiver Denials***

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to recommend approval of this list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by City Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee