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SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, via Zoom.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Also Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos
 Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas
 Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
 John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration
 David Igliazzi, Assistant City Solicitor
 Colonel Michael Winkquist, Police Department
 Major Robert Quirk, Police Department
 Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk
 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
 Heather Finger, Stenographer

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

- **Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. sec. 42-46-5(a)(2)**

Collective Bargaining Negotiations: the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers Contract) Local Union 301 (FY July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023).

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

Present in Executive Session:

Councilmembers Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina; Councilmembers Stycos and Vargas; Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration; John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration; Robert Strom, Finance Director; David Igliazzi, Assistant City Solicitor; Colonel Michael Winquist; Major Robert Quirk; Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

6-20-02S Ordinance Ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers Contract) Local Union 301 (FY July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023). Sponsored by Mayor Fung.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this Ordinance to the Special City Council meeting on July 2, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

6-20-01 Ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving the Lease Agreement between the City of Cranston and The Renaissance Development Corp. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.

Council President Farina stated that his aunt is an Executive of the business this building is being rented from and he will recuse from any discussion or vote on this Ordinance.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos questioned the increase in space in this lease from the original lease. Director Parrillo stated that there was a need to acquire additional space at that location.

Pauline DeRosa, 97 Cypress Dr., appeared to speak, but was not audible.

Council President Farina suggested to Ms. DeRosa that she email him or the Chair her statement or questions and he will read it into the record for her.

Director Parrillo stated that all three departments, Inspections, Zoning and Community Development, have moved into the building. The facility is great and it meets their needs.

Council President Farina read Ms. DeRosa's email:

- Was this the only company that responded to the RFP?
- Could the City do any research finding a property with a lower base rent?
- How many people are occupying the space?

Chair stated that the problem with the Cranston St. site was it was a COVID testing site and the employees were not able to get into the building to do their work.

Director Parrillo addressed Ms. DeRosa's questions and stated that there are 21 people that work in the Sockanosset building. The Janco Company was the only company that answered the RFP. The space is approximately 4,300 sq. ft. and it fits the needs of the City. He also stated that the City did not have a lot of options working out of a COVID testing site.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously with Council President Farina recusing.

Resolution Memorializing the Members of the General Assembly from Cranston to Introduce and Urge Passage of Legislation Authorizing *2 million in Bonds of the City and to Authorize a Referendum to be Held Thereon (Parks and Recreation). Sponsored by Council Five-President Favicchio, Councilmembers Hopkins and Paplauskas.

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

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina asked to be added as co-sponsor.

Director Strom stated that this Resolution, along with a few other Resolutions, is asking the General Assembly to place on the ballot for authority, not specifically to bond.

Nicholas Lima, City Registrar, appeared to speak and stated that we have a hard deadline of August 5th with the Secretary of State for any questions to be placed on the ballot. There is a Board of Canvassers meeting tentatively scheduled for July 28th to have all those questions heard and possibly re-formatted to be placed on the ballot. He has a secondary meeting of the Canvassers Board scheduled for August 5th in case there is any kind of delay on the General Assembly end.

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

Resolution memorializing the members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing \$5,000,000 in bonds of the City and to authorize a Referendum to be held thereon (Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Conservation Measures). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that in the original Ordinance the City Council voted on, it included climate change and this Resolution does not. He thinks it is important that this language be included.

Chair questioned if this will mirror the Ordinance passed by the City Council on June 22nd once the Bond Counsel receives this.

Solicitor stated that if this does not reflect the intention of the City Council, maybe this should be continued until it is clarified by Bond Counsel.

Director Strom suggested that this be passed this evening and he will check further with Bond Counsel on whether there is something that needs to be changed, but he believes that this Resolution is just a summary. Bond Counsel will draft the language that will go on the ballot in more detail.

Councilmember Stycos stated that the Ordinance states “reduce energy costs and or use of fossil fuels” and this Resolution does not have that language and that is important.

Chair stated that if this does not pass this evening, it may not make it on the ballot in time.

Director Strom asked that Councilmember Stycos e-mail him the language he is asking this Resolution to have and he will confer with the Bond Counsel.

Mr. Lima indicated that all these Resolutions on this evening’s agenda do not reflect in any way the language that will go on the ballot. This is not the final ballot language. That is done by the State Legislature.

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

Resolution memorializing the members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing \$2,000,000 in bonds of the City and to authorize a Referendum to be held thereon (Fire and Public Safety Equipment). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution memorializing the members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing \$10,000,000 in bonds of the City and to authorize a Referendum to be held thereon (Highway Roads and Equipment). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution memorializing the members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing \$1,000,000 in bonds of the City and to authorize a Referendum to be held thereon (Public Buildings). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to recommend approval of this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilmember Stycos stated that the City Council Rules state that there needs to be two members of the majority party on the Finance Committee and since Councilmember McAuley resigned, there is only one member. He pointed out that there needs to be an appointment made to the Finance Committee.

Council President Farina stated that seeing that these meetings were already advertised, we could not have a member in time, but by the next group of meetings, there will be a replacement for Mr. McAuley of all Committees that Mr. McAuley served on.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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