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CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by the Chair.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Chair
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas (appeared at 6:20 pm)
Council President Jessica M. Marno

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Minutes of the August 7, 2023 regular meeting**

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Marie Gong, 12 Kenyon Rd., appeared to speak regarding a claim she filed for a pothole which this Committee denied. She asked that the claim be reconsidered. Damage is for \$4,000 and she is a single mom and she would appreciate any reconsideration from the Committee.

Sonya Poydras, 190 Aqueduct Rd., appeared to speak and stated that she submitted a claim in June and resubmitted it last month. She asked Committee to reconsider her claim due to new information she has.

A. MATTERS CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 7, 2023:

None.

B. NEW CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>
<i>Sonya Poydras</i>	<i>7/16/2023</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>
<i>Ann Marie Gong*</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Berge Zobian</i>	<i>7/24/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Janet Vignone</i>	<i>7/8/2023</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Kim Cross</i>	<i>7/17/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Mary Chase</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Police Vehicle # 3A86</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Police Vehicle # 7301</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Roger Dominguez Henriquez</i>	<i>6/18/2023</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Donovan Medeiros</i>	<i>6/21/2023</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Sarah Medeiros</i>	<i>6/21/2023</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>
<i>Garabed Tashian*</i>	<i>6/17/2023</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>

* Indicates a claim previously reviewed by the Claims Committee.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2). Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 5:50 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Ferri, Campopiano, Donegan, Paplauskas and Councilwoman Germain; Council Vice-President Vargas (appeared at 6:20 pm) and council President Marino; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:35 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

Sonya Poydras

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann Marie Gong

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to approve this claim for \$300.00. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Ferri, Campopiano, Donegan, Councilwoman Germain and Council President Marino -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Paplauskas -1.

Berge Zobian

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim for \$300.00. Motion failed on a tie vote. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Ferri, Donegan, Councilwoman Germain -3. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Paplauskas, Campopiano and Council President Marino -3.

Janet Vignone

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Cross

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Chase

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Vice-President Vargas appeared at 6:20 pm.

Police Vehicle # 3A86

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to transfer funds from Claims to Fleet Maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Vehicle # 7301

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to transfer funds from Claims to Fleet Maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

Roger Dominguez Henriquez

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Donovan Medeiros

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Medeiros

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Garabed Tashian

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

C. CLAIMS DENIED AND/OR REFERRED:

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>
None		

• ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees