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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, via Zoom.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos  
Councilmember Edward J. Brady  
Councilmember Aniece Germain  
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember John P. Donegan, Chair

Absent: Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins

Also Present: Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas  
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor  
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk

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

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, 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:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Date of Incident</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>
Samuel Jennings	1/28/2019	Property Damage
Joshua Hawes*	10/17/2019	Property Damage
Richard Alarie	6/6/2020	Vehicle Damage
Fire Vehicle #3005	7/26/2020	Vehicle Damage
Debra Viau	7/14/2020	Vehicle Damage

\* Indicates a claim previously reviewed by the Claims Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)**

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, 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 5:35 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmembers Stycos, Donegan, Germain, Brady, Paplauskas and Vargas; Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor; Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees; Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk.

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

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:10 P.M.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

**Samuel Jennings**

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Joshua Hawes**

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$1,000 for deductible. Motion passed unanimously.

**Richard Alarie**

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Vehicle #3005**

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

*Debra Viau*

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to continue this claim for further information. Motion passed unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Brady** stated that at the last Public Works Committee meeting, a resident of 47 Natick Ave. who has gotten her lawn hit a number of times by vehicles coming off Route 37, is looking to file a claim with the State. He questioned how he can guide her of who to file the claim with. Ms. Vannini stated that there is a claims portal under the Department of Transportation's website for pothole claims, but she is not sure about other claims. Chair suggested that the resident be directed to the website at [dot.ri.gov/about/claims](http://dot.ri.gov/about/claims) which will link her to tile claims.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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