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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 via Zoom webinar.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present: Councilmember John P. Donegan  
Councilmember Edward J. Brady  
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Chair

Absent: Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas

Also Present: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio  
Councilmember Aniece Germain  
Councilmember Steven A. Stycos  
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

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

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

None.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Steven Piscopiello**, 85 Fox Ridge Dr., appeared to speak and stated that he is representing most of the neighborhood. He stated that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, a stop sign on east and west was taken down on Fox Ridge and Scaralia Rd. unbeknownst by any of the neighbors. There was a City Council meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> followed by an Ordinance Committee meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> and another Council meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> to have this passed. There were no public notices given to the neighbors of these meetings. When this happened, he and his neighbors were very upset and concerned for the safety of the children. He stated that there is a petitioner of forty signatures and he sent that to Councilmembers Brady and Paplauskas. He stated that this is a very very busy intersection and there is constant speeding there. The neighborhood want to not only make sure the sign stays up, but the Ordinance is changed where there are violations, they will be given tickets.

**Chair** stated that this since this is not on the agenda, he recommended that this be referred to the Safety Services meeting with the potential to make it a three-way stop sign. Councilmember Paplauskas agreed to have an Ordinance introduced, but stated that the proper forum would be the Ordinance Committee since that is generally where stop sign Ordinances go. Chair stated that that is fine.

**Councilmember Brady** stated that he submitted an Ordinance to the Clerk regarding this. Clerk stated that that has been added to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Docket for introduction.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### ***Councilmember Brady:***

- **Meshanticut Lake Guardrails and Signs Update (*Cont. from 10/15/2020*)**

**Councilmember Brady** stated that he and Councilmember Paplauskas asked that this be kept on the agenda until we get some feedback from the State. He stated that there are signs that need to be repaired or replaced and much needed repaving and much needed improvements that need to be made.

**Chair** asked if the Committee could get some help from the State Representatives and Senators from that area. Councilmember Brady stated that he and Councilmember Paplauskas drafted numerous e-mails to them and have not gotten anywhere.

**Councilmember Paplauskas** stated that he would love to do a Resolution from the City Council to the Senators and Representatives regarding this.

**Director Mason** stated that the City did replace one of the guardrails at the end of Dean St. abutting the park. He contacted Anthony Paiva, who is DEM Maintenance Chief for Region 1 and he has his contact number and e-mail address.

**Councilmember Paplauskas** stated that he would love to set up a meeting there with Mr. Paiva if possible. Director Mason stated that he will see if he can arrange that.

***Councilmember Vargas:***

- **Cranston Trees/National Grid**
- **Update regarding speed bumps**

**Chair** stated that since Councilmember Vargas is not present this evening, he asked that the above items be continued.

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to continue the above items. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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