

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

Chair indicated that before going forward, he asked if Solicitor is on the line. Solicitor Verdecchia stated that he was on the call. Chair stated that given that it is 7:15 pm and the meeting was posted for 7:00 pm, he asked whether this meeting should be continued to a date certain or can we go forward and not be in violation. He asked Solicitor's opinion. Solicitor asked the Clerk if still has access to the meeting even though it is 7:15 since the meeting was scheduled for 7. City Clerk stated that she believes so. She believes the problem we have had in the past is the link expired after an hour or so and that is when people could not get into the meeting. Solicitor stated that, in his opinion, he thinks that as long as people have access, we are safe in continuing with the meeting.

Council Vice-President Brady stated that he is receiving emails of people trying to access the meeting at 7-7:10 pm and could not.

Councilman Donegan stated that his personal opinion is, out of abundance of caution, we should not be holding the meeting this evening because if someone tried to log into the meeting at 7-7:10 pm and could not access the meeting and they left, that is a problem.

Solicitor stated that not being familiar with the technical aspects of Zoom, when someone calls in and can't get access, he believes that the message given is that the meeting has not yet begun so it is basically telling you that the meeting has not started. It is not telling you you can't get access or that the meeting is cancelled. He asked if this is correct. City Clerk stated, yes. Solicitor stated that if we are talking about a half hour or forty-five minutes, maybe even 20-25 minutes, he would say out of abundance of caution, we should continue it. Fifteen minutes is right on the line especially when the message states that the meeting has not started yet. He thinks it is safe, but he leaves the decision up to the Committee.

Council President Paplauskas asked if we can continue this meeting to a date certain and have the items be able to be referred to the March Council meeting in time. Solicitor stated that he thinks this meeting can be rescheduled prior to the City Council meeting and suspend the rules. It may be prudent to move this meeting to sometime next week so the items can be forwarded to the March 22nd Council meeting.

Discussion took place on possible date and time to reschedule this meeting.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to reschedule this meeting to Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6 pm and place the items on this agenda on the March 22nd Council Docket indicating that the items were referred out of Committee "pending passage of the Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021" since the Council Docket needs to be posted by March 18, 2021.

Under Discussion:

Assistant City Clerk referred to the Solicitor and indicated that this meeting was not officially called to order and if there are to be official minutes of discussion taken this evening, the meeting needs to be called to order and roll call needs to be taken. Solicitor indicated that this is correct. The meeting needs to be called to order and vote is to be taken to reschedule this meeting to a date certain.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Vice-Chair
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Also Present: Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS* and/ or NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

A. *PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

- 1-21-05** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.84 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Zoning" (Conformance to District Regulations Required & Substandard Lots of Record). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins.*
- 2-21-02** *Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 Chapter 72 Section 060 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Administration and Personnel/Juvenile Hearing Board" Sponsored by Councilwoman Marino.*
- 1-21-01** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Traffic control signal lights authorized at certain intersections -Pedestrian actuated." (Park Avenue and Grace Street). Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain.*

- 1-21-02** ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 Chapter 40 Section 020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel/Municipal Court” (Appointment, Term and Qualifications of Judge of the Municipal Court) and Section 130 (Acting Judge/Acting Clerk/Auxiliary Judge). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Councilman Reilly.***
- 1-21-03** ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel - Small Business Advisory Committee”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Brady and Councilwoman Renzulli. Co-sponsored by Councilmen Ferri, Reilly, Councilwomen Germain and Vargas.***
- 1-21-04** ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel - Pandemic Advisory Task Force”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Brady and Councilwoman Marino.***
- 1-21-06** ***Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8.32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Recycling”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain.***

Resolution of the City Council Authorizing a Redistricting Commission to Develop a Redistricting Plan for the Six Wards of the City of Cranston. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas.

Roll call was taken on motion to reschedule this meeting to Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6 pm and place the items on this agenda on the March 22nd Council Docket indicating that the items were referred out of Committee “pending passage of the Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021” and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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