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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Also Present: Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilman John P. Donegan
Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
Christopher Millea, City Solicitor
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, 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.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER:

Councilwoman Vargas

- *Rodent control and rodent control inspector*

Councilwoman Vargas asked if the Rodent Control Inspector has been hired yet. Director Mason stated that that position was filled approximately a month ago and he is active in the City now.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that the Council has received a complaint from a constituent in Ward 1 regarding homes or sheds that are not rodent proof. She asked if this is something that Inspections can go out and take care of issues like this. Director Mason stated that there are two separate issues that go on with the Rodent Control Program. What they do in Public Works is they have a Rodent Control Officer that will go to a property and do an inspection and bait the property for rodents or rats and then go back and rebate as needed until the problem is controlled. As far as the rodent proofing of the building, that goes to the Minimum Housing portion of the Building Inspector's Office. The particular property the Council received email about is on Broad St. and there are baited boxes on both properties and the person who wrote the email has decided not to use the City program and they use Big Blue Bug and not interested in our program.

- *Vacancy in Inspections Department*

Councilwoman Vargas stated that this item was addressed during the budget process and no discussion is needed.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that the above two items can be removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:

Request from National Grid for pole location at Forest Ave.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Pippin Orchard Rd.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees