

(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).

SPECIAL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Special meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilwoman Lammi 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
Christopher Millea, City Solicitor
Steven Angell, City Council Legal Counsel
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

Petition for consideration of a substantial change in circumstances pursuant to Section 17.116.030 concerning Ordinance in amendment of Ch.17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone – New London Ave.). Petition filed by Coastal Partners LLC, Mulligan's Island LLC, and State of Rhode Island. (Cont. from 4/15/2021)

Chair asked if there are any objections to re-opening of public hearing to hear any members of the public present that would like to speak.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he has no objections, but stressed that the public hearings be really limited since we have a Special Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for 6 pm.

Chair acknowledged Michael and Battina Packard on the call, but they could not be heard.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Ferri asked for clarification that the vote this evening is only to allow the process for this application to continue. Chair stated that this meeting is to vote on whether or not the new plan is substantially different than the new one. Solicitor stated that the Chair is correct.

Councilwoman Germain stated that she was not present at the last meeting and since this is a continuance of the previous meeting, she will be abstaining from voting on this.

Councilwoman Vargas asked if this were to not pass this evening, will the applicant have to wait two years before re-applying. Attorney Angell stated that they would have to start the process again. What the Committee is voting on this evening is whether or not there is a substantial change in circumstances that exist pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance. Councilwoman Vargas asked if this were to fail, will the applicant have to wait two years before re-applying? Attorney Angell stated, yes there is a two-year waiting period.

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to deny the request of Coastal Partners to proceed forward with their previously withdrawn application for a Major Alteration to the Mixed Plan District for the property located at 100 New London Ave., known as Mulligan's Island. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Vargas, Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas-5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Ferri -1. Councilwoman Germain abstained.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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