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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri  
Councilman John P. Donegan (appeared at 6:00 p.m.)  
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano  
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair  
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Absent: Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas

Also Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Tracy Nelson, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk

### **I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

None.

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

None.

### **CONTINUED FROM 1/12/2023**

<b><u>CLAIMANT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u></b>
<i>Robert Lux*</i>	<i>8/12/2022</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Roland Gosselin*</i>	<i>8/12/2022</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Pavillion Auto Sales*</i>	<i>7/7/2022</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Jeffrey Butler*</i>	<i>3/31/2022</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>



<b>Jeffrey Butler</b>	<b>3/31/2022</b>	<b>Property Damage</b>
<b>Police Vehicle #7302</b>	<b>8/30/2022</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>
<b>Melvina Davis</b>	<b>10/20/2022</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>
<b>Police Vehicle #6556</b>	<b>11/23/2022</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>
<b>Police Vehicle #7096</b>	<b>11/28/2022</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>

**CLAIMS REFERRED:**

**Referred to State:**

<b>Mary C. Ruggieri</b>	<b>11/1/2022</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>
<b>Leslie Melendez</b>	<b>1/6/2023</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>
<b>Michael Faraj-Musleh</b>	<b>1/12/2023</b>	<b>Vehicle Damage</b>

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

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Council President Marino, 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 5:38 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Ferri, Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Councilwoman Germain, Council President Marino, Councilwoman Renzulli; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Tracy Nelson, City Clerk; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees; and Gianna Vannini, Claims Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:07 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

**Robert Lux**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim and restitution made to the City. Motion passed unanimously.

**Roland Gosselin**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim with restitution made to the City. Motion passed unanimously.

**Elizabeth Martinelli**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Peter Murphy**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**A to Z International**

**Diane Gentile**

**Luiz Noronha**

**Michele Villella**

**Bruno Costa**

**Jeff Drury**

**Jennifer Karmon-Fruci**

**Hector Viruet**

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to take the above eight claims as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the above eight claims as a block for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

**Diane Morissette**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

**Yvonne Dobelle**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Claude Chabot**

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

**Sharon Trindade**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Jeffrey Butler**

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Police Vehicle #7302**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim and pay out of Police Claims line item. Motion passed unanimously.

**Melvina Davis**

**Council President Marino** recused.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor’s Office. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0 with 1 recusal. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Paplauskas, Ferri, Donegan, Campopiano and Councilwoman Germain -5. Council President Marino recused.

**Police Vehicle #6556**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim and pay out of Police Claims line item. Motion passed unanimously.

**Police Vehicle #7096**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim and pay out of Police Claims line item. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ms. Vannini** stated the following claims were denied and referred to the State of Rhode Island:

- **Mary C. Ruggieri**                      11/1/2022                      Vehicle Damage
- **Leslie Melendez**                      1/6/2023                      Vehicle Damage
- **Michael Faraj-Musleh**                      1/12/2023                      Vehicle Damage

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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