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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by the Chair.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri  
Councilman John P. Donegan  
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano  
Councilman Daniel Wall  
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair  
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Absent: Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas

Also Present: Christopher Rawson, Assistant City Solicitor  
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Gianna Karalekas, Claims Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular meeting**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair** indicated that Council Vice-President Vargas is not able to attend due to health issues.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Sharon Fratantuono**, 21 Lindsay Lane, appeared to speak and stated that she submitted a claim for damages to her vehicle on 1/13/2024 due to infrastructure failure. The area where the incident took place floods constantly. Reason she is present this evening is to try to recoup damages she sustained and make the Council aware of the infrastructure condition in the City.

#### **A. MATTERS CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023:**

None.

#### **B. NEW CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:**

<b><u>CLAIMANT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u></b>
<i>Amy Silva</i>	<i>12/24/2021</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Stephen Vezina</i>	<i>11/17/2023</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Jeffrey Charest</i>	<i>1/13/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Sharon Fratantuono</i>	<i>1/13/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Christiana Caprarelli</i>	<i>1/12/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Virginia Kowal</i>	<i>1/16/2024</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>
<i>Sharon Lavigne</i>	<i>1/28/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Brittney Blanchette</i>	<i>1/28/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Wendy Murray</i>	<i>2/7/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>John Faella</i>	<i>2/13/2024</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>
<i>Susan Ciorlano</i>	<i>2/13/2024</i>	<i>Property Damage</i>
<i>Inspections Vehicle # 5945</i>	<i>1/2/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>

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

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Donegan,, 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 5:55.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Ferri, Donegan, Campopiano, Wall, Paplauskas, Councilwoman Germain and Council President Marino; Christohper Rawson, Assistant City Solicitor; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst and Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

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

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:10 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:

**Amy Silva**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Stephen Vezina**

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

**Jeffrey Cha**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Paplauskas, Ferri, Donegan, Wall and Councilwoman Germain -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Campopiano and Council President Marino -2.

**Sharon Fratantuono**

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

**Christiana Caprarelli**

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Paplauskas, Ferri, Donegan, Wall and Councilwoman Germain -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Campopiano and Council President Marino -2.

**Virginia Kowal**

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

**Sharon Lavigne**

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Paplauskas, Ferri, Donegan, Wall and Councilwoman Germain -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Campopiano and Council President Marino -2.

**Brittney Blanchette**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Paplauskas, Ferri, Donegan, Wall and Councilwoman Germain -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Campopiano and Council President Marino -2.

**Wendy Murray**

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

**John Faella**

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

**Susan Ciorlano**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

**Inspections Vehicle # 5945**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to approve this claim and pay from Claims to Inspections. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. CLAIMS DENIED AND/OR REFERRED**

**Ms. Karalekas** stated that the claim of Erika Kruse Weller, date of incident 1/9/2024, was denied and referred to the State.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees