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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilman John P. Donegan
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Chair
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Absent: Councilman Matthew R. Reilly
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel
Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Ferris, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair deferred to legal counsel.

Attorney Angell stated that the following is not on the agenda so there won't be any discussion on it, but at the last Finance Committee meeting, there was discussion about the conflict between two Tax Interest Waiver Statutes. He asked that he be allowed to address this before the next meeting. There are two Tax Interest Waiver Statutes. The first one is guidelines and authority, which the Council is able to grant Tax Interest Waivers. The first that allows for the \$250 waiver is strictly for Mr. Capuano to grant. The Council never sees that. What he brings before the Council is what Mr. Capuano

is requesting the Council to do and you certainly have the right to deny or approve what comes before you. He spoke to Mr. Capuano and there are some deficiencies that do not make the Ordinances defective in of themselves, but they will work together to clean up the language and make it more clear in what each does and they do not relate to each other. The Council has the right to do what it has done for years under the first Ordinance as far as granting those waivers.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

~~*8-22-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 590 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Tabor St. 2 Hr. Parking). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (Cont. 9/15/2022, 10/13/2022 & 11/17/2022). (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer's Report\]](#)~~

~~*10-22-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 270 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic – No Parking Between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday". Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (Cont. 11/17/2022). (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)~~

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

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

12-22-02 Ordinance in amendment of Ch. 10, Title 32, Sect. 020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Stop Intersections-Enumerated" (Rangeley Rd. and Carver Rd.). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilwoman Renzulli.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Renzulli stated that this came up as she was campaigning. A resident complained of speeding and using this as a cut through. Major Patalano stated to her that this has been an issue in that area for many years.

Councilman Ferri stated that he was speaking to Major Patalano on another matter and he asked that he tell the Committee that he is in favor of this.

Chair asked if there is a Traffic Study available. Director Moretti stated that the Traffic Safety Engineer saw this as an endorsement of Major Patalano and with that, he was deferring to his expertise and felt it was not necessary. Chair stated that it has been a protocol that we have a Traffic Study and if one is not available, the Ordinance is continued to the next meeting. She asked for a motion and a second to recommend approval of this Ordinance pending language from the Police Department and Traffic Safety on this.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance pending language from the Cranston Police Traffic Department and Mr. Mulcahy. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk