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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, March 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

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

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

Present: Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian  
Councilman Andy M. Andujar  
Councilman Frank J. Ritz, Jr.  
Councilman Michael A. Traficante, Vice-Chair  
Council Vice-President Daniel Wall, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio (appeared at 5:43 p.m.)

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Gianna Karalekas, Claims Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon open call by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Claims Committee will convene in a closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to prospective and actual litigation matters as listed on the agenda in the sections that follow:*

On motion by Councilman Traficante, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilwoman Haroian, Councilmen Andujar, Ritz, Traficante, Council Vice-President, Wall and Council President Marino; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Gianna Karalekas, Claims Clerk and Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

**A. MATTERS CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 13, 2025**

*Property Damage Michael Poisson 01/02/2025*

**B. NEW CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

<b><u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u></b>	<b><u>CLAIMANT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u></b>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Michael Poisson*</i>	<i>1/2/2025</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Rescue #5</i>	<i>5/272/2024</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Police Vehicle #3A59</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Rescue #1</i>	<i>2/9/2025</i>
<i>Property Damage</i>	<i>Jeremy Needham</i>	<i>1/20/2025</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Antonio DosSantos</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>Property Damage</i>	<i>Basil DiStefano</i>	<i>2/9/2025</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Parks &amp; Rec. Vehicle #14</i>	<i>5/22/2024</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Parks &amp; Rec. Vehicle #1270</i>	<i>12/11/2024</i>
<i>Vehicle Damage</i>	<i>Police Vehicle #0941</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>

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

Referred to

*None.*

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

**V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On motion by Councilman Traficante, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian not present for roll call vote.

Meeting came out of Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Traficante, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian not present for roll call vote.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

**Michael Poisson**

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve this claim in full. Motion passed unanimously.

**Rescue #5**

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

**Police Vehicle #3A59**

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Rescue #1**

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Jeremy Needham**

On motion by Councilman Ritz, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Antonio DosSantos**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Ritz, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

**Basil DiStefano**

On motion by Councilman Ritz, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve this claim in the amount of \$75. Motion passed unanimously.

**Parks & Rec. Vehicle #14**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to continue this claim for more information such as photos and if vehicle passed inspection the way it is and functionally, what is the problem. Motion passed unanimously.

**Parks & Rec. Vehicle #1270**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to continue this claim for more information such as photos and if vehicle passed inspection and if not inspected, will it pass inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Police Vehicle #0941**

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve this claim and payout of Police line item. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ***Minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting***

On motion by Councilman Traficante, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian not present for roll call vote.

- ***Sealed Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Executive Session***

On motion by Councilman Traficante, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian not present for roll call vote.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees