

(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).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Chair
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Absent: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Justin Mateus, Acting Public Works Director
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

- **Approval of minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting**

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of minutes of the July 24, 2023 special meeting**

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 24, 2023 special meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

2-23-04 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Buildings and Construction" (Lead Safe Homes). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Co-sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. (Cont. 3/16/2023, 4/13/2023, 5/11/2023, 6/15/2023 & 7/13/2023).*

Chair asked that this Ordinance be continue to next month's meeting.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to continue this Ordinance to next month's meeting.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Donegan stated that he spoke to Attorney Angell this past week and he is in the process of reviewing the impact on recent State Legislation on this proposed Ordinance and once that review is complete, hopefully, we can move forward on this Ordinance or not.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this Ordinance to next month's meeting and motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Resolution officially naming the City of Cranston Park located at the intersection of Cranston Street, Park avenue, and Phenix Avenue "Itri Park". Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Campopiano stated that he just returned from Itri and there, there is a Cranston Park and he was able to visit it and they are very proud of it. People of Itri were very excited when he told them of our Park and this is a great way to express our Sister Cities and he is in full support of this.

Council President Marino stated that there have been questions about why "Itri Park" or questions about affiliation and it is a long-standing history. There is a lot of heritage there. She thinks it is a proper name for the park.

Councilman Paplauskas stated that he thinks everyone in the neighborhood are happy with this park and he asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilmen Campopiano, Donegan, Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Director Moretti stated that the neighborhood people will appreciate this park. Concerns of maintaining it, Parks and Recreation is charged with it. On behalf of the Administration, he thanked everyone for their support on this

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Resolution and motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Germain:

- *Air B&B/VRBO*

Chair stated that since Councilwoman Germain is not present this evening, this item will be continued.

Narragansett Electric Company Appeal to PUC of Amendment to Chapter 15, Section 15 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances.

Solicitor stated that this is for information only and no vote is needed.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees