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Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 7, 2015
Insurance and Claims Committee

Present: Council Member Hope Kasper and Council Member Sebastian Giuliano.

Also Present: Brig Smith, General Counsel; Geen Thazampallath, Director of Parking

A. Call to Order

Council Member Kasper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes, moved by Council Member Giuliano. Council Member Kasper seconded approval of minutes, and carried unanimously.

C. Public Session

No members of the public were present for the Public Session.

Motion by Council Member Giuliano to amend agenda to consider Item G.2 (Arcade parking garage claims) so that Director Thazampallath could brief the Committee at the beginning, rather than end, of meeting. Seconded by Council Member Kasper and carried unanimously.

(G. Other Business

- 2. Geen Thazampallath- Director of Parking, to discuss Arcade parking garage claims)**

Director Thazampallath advised that, in light of recent claims for property damage, the City will be taking two measures to reduce liability. The first is to cordon off areas in the

first floor of the ramp with known problems, to prevent their recurrence. The second is to move all first-floor parkers to the second floor and to require those who insist on parking on the first floor to sign a release. Council Member Kasper raised continuing liability concerns for personal injury claims. General Counsel Smith advised that the releases would be for property damage, not personal injury, claims and would be based on leaks from the ceiling, not falling or failing concrete. The Committee and Director discussed the potential for a permanent solution through a referendum for a new parking facility.

D. Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

General Counsel Smith presented discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to City of Middletown v. Vision Government Solutions, Inc., pursuant to sections 1-200 (6) (B) and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Motion to rise from Executive Session by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve settlement of Vision Government Solutions claim as discussed in executive session by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

E. Report on Claims Settled Within General Counsel's Settlement Authority or City's insurance carrier, CIRMA

General Counsel Smith provided the Committee with a synopsis of the following claims settled within the authority of General Counsel or the City's insurance carrier, CIRMA.

1. Hubbs, Brian vs. City of Middletown
2. Clark, Douglas vs. City of Middletown
3. LePage, Joann vs. City of Middletown
4. Antonio, Felix v. City of Middletown
5. Callahan, Edward vs. City of Middletown
6. Carlson, Kelly vs. City of Middletown
7. Fuller, Maegan vs. City of Middletown
8. Friedman, Sharon vs. City of Middletown
9. City of Middletown vs. Moore, Laurie
10. City of Middletown vs. Donald Enterprises
11. City of Middletown vs. Dong, Chengdao

F. Risk Management Report

General Counsel advised that discussion regarding building inspection status through safety committee would need to be deferred to the next meeting.

G. Other Business

- 1. Nancy Conaway-Raczka, Risk Manager, will present monthly accounting report for- All City Insurance Funds**

General Counsel Smith provided a report on all funds on behalf of the Risk Manager.

- 2. Geen Thazampallath- Director of Parking, to discuss Arcade parking garage claims)**

(Considered at beginning of meeting following motion to amend the Agenda).

H. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on motion of Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

Grady Faulkner, Chair

cc: Hon. Daniel T. Drew, Mayor
Joe Samolis, Chief of Staff
Council Member Hope Kasper
Council Member Sebastian Giuliano
OGC Personnel
Carl Temme, H.D. Segur