

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MAY 27, 2003

The Committee on Public Works meets this day at 6:30 o'clock P.M., in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Terrence M. Hassett, Councilman Ronald W. Allen, Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo and Councilman David A. Segal.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairwoman Williams.

Also present are Councilman Kevin Jackson; Anna M. Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF ANY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION AND OR DEMOLITION RELATED TO ANY EXPANSION BY AND FOR THE MIRIAM HOSPITAL AND OR ANY OF ITS ENTITIES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A FULL AND COMPLETE IMPACT STUDY.**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: In City Council May 15, 2003, sponsored by Councilman Jackson, Councilman Iglizzi and Councilwoman Young. We have the lead sponsor who is Councilman Jackson and we also have representatives from the Summit Avenue Neighborhood Association.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: I appreciate the fast timing and the fast track that you put this on. I would ask that the committee vote this out of committee tonight and bring it to the council floor. I think it is of immediate concern to my community and to myself as the City Council person. In my humble opinion Miriam Hospital as I just told to the Finance Committee has not been a good neighbor in the nine years that I have been a council person from the beginning of their Master Plan being 4½ years late to their Master Plan being an inventory of just the properties that they own with no discussion of potential expansion. I just got Mr. Shamoan on the record in the Finance Committee to state that until they amend that permits could not come out of his office, but again I don't feel completely comfortable with that to Miriam Hospital deciding that they can

circumvent the needs of our community and the needs of the City and the concerns of the community and the concerns of the City by going through the Health Department and getting certificates of need. This is just not what they plan on doing, renovating buildings that they presently have. It's putting a six story structure in a residential community which in my opinion should not be allowed for institutions within the institutional zone and also with the ongoing efforts of the Mayor in your committee in regards to tax-exempts. I think it's time and I would be the first council person to say that we need to put tax-exempts and I would be the first one to take that walk in that cold water, tax-exempts accountable to the communities that they serve and I would appreciate if this committee would send a strong message to Miriam that this will not be allowed to ignore the community in which an institution sits and again I would just appreciate passage by this committee so that my community will know that there is a safety net and that we the elected officials have provided that safety net for them. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Thank you Councilman Jackson, I agree with everything that you said. Are there questions from committee members? When you asked Sam Shammon did he say that he would continue to grant permits?

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: No, I asked him specifically in regards to knowing that their Master Plan has not been amended, knowing that their Master Plan was not up-to-date I had asked him the legality of allowing permits and he said that permits can not be allowed unless the Master Plan is an improved Master Plan and amended up-to-date.

COUNCILMAN SEGAL: And we have no concerns about the legality of this?

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: It's always their potential that they can sue the City when any resolution or ordinance is put in place but that is their prerogative and it would be up to the City Solicitor to defend the City's concerns and needs.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Right, not only that councilman, your moratorium resolution cuts directly to the institutional zone of Miriam Hospital and one of the defects of the original resolution since I had introduce it and I think you had co-sponsored it citywide was that it did not hone in on the specificity of institutional zones and I think we perfected that at the last meeting. The Law Department has been working on it. So what is the pleasure of the committee?

On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

**PETITION OF JOHN F. PALMIERI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, REQUESTING THE ABANDONMENT OF BOWDITCH PLACE.**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: From the Clerk's Desk November 15, 2001, Public Hearing held January 10, 2002 and continued March 12, 2003. I think he was supposed to be here wasn't he?

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: John Palmieri?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Or someone from Planning.

SHERI A. PETRONIO: We sent a letter to Tom Deller.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: And he is not here.

On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to continue the foregoing petition.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAUREL HILL AVENUE AND TERRACE AVENUE.**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Igliazzi and Councilwoman DiRuzzo November 5, 1992, In Committee March 12, 2003 and continued. Councilwoman DiRuzzo was here. The Traffic Engineer says granted. Due to the geometric design of this intersection along with sight distance restrictions and accident history, this intersection meets the warrants for a traffic signal device. However, this department does not have the funding at this time to install a traffic signal.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Has there been any discussion Mr. Chair with the council people in terms of where the resources would come from to pay for this?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: No, I mean it asking the Traffic Engineer which isn't going to happen we know. I mean I have had two of them myself.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Do you know what the pleasures of the sponsors are?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Councilwoman DiRuzzo said that Councilman Igliazzi would probably present the case but he is in there grilling someone in Finance.

On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to continue the foregoing petition.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by  
Councilman Segal, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 o'clock P.M.



**Second Deputy City Clerk**



**Assistant Clerk**

