

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The Committee on Public Works meets this day at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, at which time a Public Hearing is held in accordance with the accompanying advertisement:

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

RELATIVE TO ABANDONMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS ORDERED:

that all those owners of land abutting along the following streets are hereby notified to appear before the Committee on Public Works of the City Council on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**, in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, Rhode Island to be heard for or against the following propositions:

PETITION FROM CHALKSTONE AUTOMOTIVE UNLIMITED, 224 CHALKSTONE AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908, REQUESTING TO ABANDON THE GANGWAY LOCATED BETWEEN CHALKSTONE AVENUE AND LOPEZ STREET (LOCATED ALONG PROPERTY LINE OF CHALKSTONE AUTOMOTIVE).

All persons or agencies interested in the above listed abandonment Petition(s) will have an opportunity to be heard and/or to submit communications in writing. Copies of the proposed Petitions and information thereon may be obtained prior to the Hearing at the City Clerk's Department, Providence City Hall, 25 Dorrance Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903 between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. on regular business days. The proposed Petitions may be modified or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any modification or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

Offices and City Council Chambers are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office at 751-0203 (TDD) not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

PER ORDER THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
Councilman Terrence M. Hassett, Chairman
Councilman Wilbur W. Jennings, Vice-Chairwoman
Councilman John J. Igliazzi
Councilman Michael J. Correia
Council President Michael A. Solomon

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PRESENT: Chairman Terrence M. Hassett, Vice-Chairman Wilbur W. Jennings, Jr. and Council President Michael A. Solomon – 3.

ABSENT: Councilman John J. Igliazzi and Councilman Michael J. Correia – 2.

Also present are Raymond Dettore, Jr.; Joao Rego; Maria Rego; Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

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AUTOMOTIVE)**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: This is the Public Hearing for the Committee on Public Works. This matter was before the City Council in a formalized way. It needs a Public Hearing because it involves public land. We do hear testimony from those who are interested or have an interest in it. There is only two people. Recognizing for the record Mr. Raymond Dettore, who represents the petitioners for the petition of the gangway located between Chalkstone Avenue and Lopez Street.

MR. DETTORE: Mr. Chairman, first of all I believe it's suppose to be Chalkstone Auto Body, Inc.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Okay.

MR. DETTORE: This is a strip of land that's approximately 12 x 100. It runs right through the middle of the property of Chalkstone Auto Body, Inc. Since they had purchased the land on both sides of it, and it's city property, it seems like it was never developed by the city and actually I don't think it's much use for the city because of the size of the area. The applicants propose purchasing this land and making it a part of their property where they do their principal business, which is auto body.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Do the petitioners want to speak on this?

MR. DETTORE: No.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Do you have any further questions?

MR. DETTORE: No. Do you have any questions of the petitioners?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: No. I'm quite familiar with the area. It's within my ward and the businesses that are located down there are outstanding businesses. If they can make better use of the land, I think it's our obligation to afford them

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that opportunity. As a result, this was introduced and this petition will be acted upon by the Committee on Public Works and transmitted in formality to the City Council for approval and the Mayor's signature. Those are the next steps. I am very familiar with the street and I think that the petitioners are outstanding people and will make beneficial use of that. Are there any other questions for you sir?

MR. DETTORE: I have no further questions.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Just for the record, the City Solicitor's Office has also indicated that the legality is in property form and all the documents are in place. So, basically the table is set for the Council to now act on the proposal in full session. Thank you very much.

MR. DETTORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Mr. Rego is also here just for the record. Are there any other persons seeking testimony? If not the hearing is closed. Thank you and we will inform you as to what action will be taken next by the Committee on Public Works, which I Chair and then it will be transmitted formally to the City Council for approval.

COUNCILMAN JENNINGS: I would also like to say good luck. I'm looking forward to it.

Adjournment taken at 5:35 o'clock P.M.



City Clerk



Assistant Clerk