

**MINUTES OF 173rd MEETING THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
HELD ON 25.11.2011 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:

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| 1. | Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh | Mayor |
| 2. | Sh. Sunil Bhatia, PCS | Acting Commissioner |
| 3. | Sh. Kuldeep Singh | Sr. Dy. Mayor |
| 4. | Smt. Sheela Devi | Dy. Mayor |
| 5. | Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma | Councillor |
| 6. | Smt. Anu Chatrath | Councillor |
| 7. | Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) | Councillor |
| 8. | Sh. M. P. S. Chawla | Councillor |
| 9. | Dr. Neelam Malik | Councillor |
| 10. | Dr. Amrit Bolaria | Councillor |
| 11. | Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu | Councillor |
| 12. | Smt. Harjinder Kaur | Councillor |
| 13. | Sh. Manjit Singh | Councillor |
| 14. | Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 15. | Dr. Pam Rajput | Councillor |
| 16. | Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang | Councillor |
| 17. | Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta | Councillor |
| 18. | Smt. Anju Beniwala | Councillor |
| 19. | Sh. Surender K. Jagota | Councillor |
| 20. | Smt. Rita Sharma | Councillor |
| 21. | Sh. Devinder Singh Babla | Councillor |
| 22. | Smt. Sarita Devi | Councillor |
| 23. | Sh. Ram Lal | Councillor |
| 24. | Sh. Jatinder Bhatia | Councillor |

25.	Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey	Councillor
26.	Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala	Councillor
27.	Smt. Sunita	Councillor
28.	Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
2.	Sh. R.C. Diwan	Superintending Engineer (P.H.)
3.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	Superintending Engineer (B&R)
4.	Dr. B.K. Salwan	Municipal Health Officer
5.	Sh. Desh Raj	Chief Accounts Officer
6.	Sh. Vishal Gupta	XEN Roads Divn. No.1
7.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN Roads Divn. No.2
8.	Sh. Sanjay Arora	XEN Roads Divn. No.3
9.	Sh. Harinder Singh	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.1)
10.	Sh. R.S. Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.2)
11.	Sh. Anil Bansal	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.3)
12.	Sh. Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.4)

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Councillors, Officers and the Media persons present in the meeting.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that election process for the next House is going on and some of the Councillors are also contesting the election at their party level, therefore, the members should say good-luck to the contesting candidates rather than indulging in the politics. She further stated that some ongoing works in her ward have been stalled without any reason.

The Chief Engineer stated that no ongoing work will be stalled and they will be executed at the same pace.

Sh. Ram Lal pointed out that community centres are booked by the Corporation against payment for marriage purposes and the Corporation also charges payment for the cleanliness of the community centres. But after the marriage function nobody take responsibility for cleaning the community centres, as a result heaps of refuse can be seen there which give ugly look. In some toilets of community centres the sewerage is blocked and the people using the community centres face inconvenience. He further stated that the work of re-carpeting of roads has been stalled for the last 6 months and there is no action against the contractor. He also pointed out that developed parks are being destroyed by the stray cattle and public money utilized on the development of these parks is being wasted.

The S.E.(B&R) stated that some residents cut the road for water connections which was repaired and it took some time. He assured that paver blocks will arrive at the site and the work will start today itself.

The Mayor desired that special campaign be carried out to catch the stray cattle from the city.

Dr. Pam Rajput stated that being a nominated Councillor it was good experience to be part of this House. The term of the present House is going to expire and some of the sitting Councillors have again been allotted the tickets of their respective party to contest the election of Municipal Corporation. She wished good-luck to all of them. She further stated that it has been observed during the tenure of the present House that atmosphere of acrimony is created in the House which is not good and wished that in future such moments would be avoided keeping aside the party affiliation. She thanked Sh. Pardeep Chhabra for constituting Women Empowerment Committee during his Mayorship and Chandigarh is the only Corporation having the said Committee. She also appreciated Smt. Harjinder Kaur for passing a resolution for construction of Mahila Bhawan in the city during her Mayorship and it was due to her keen

efforts that the land for the said Mahila Bhawan was allotted by the Chandigarh Administration. She lamented that the said Mahila Bhawan could not be completed during the tenure of the present House, but expressed satisfaction that at least the construction of ground floor is going to be completed. She congratulated the Mayor and Officers and said that perhaps it would be solitary Mahila Bhawan in the country. She further stated that it would be better if the laptops issued to the Councillors be given to them after charging reasonable depreciation cost as these laptops are useless for the Corporation and would gather dust in the store.

The Mayor stated that there are some instructions of I.T. Department and the office would examine and finalize the matter at the earliest.

Smt. Anu Chatrath stated that Mahila Bhawan was dream project of all women Councillors and Dr. Pam Rajput has been associated with this project since its inception. Moreover she also attends various seminars and meetings at centre level, therefore, suggested that a committee be constituted which would regulate the activities to be carried out in the Mahila Bhawan and Dr. Pam Rajput should also be associated with that committee.

The Mayor stated that the present House is on the verge of completion of its tenure and it would not be proper to constitute such committee. However, he recommended that the next House of the Corporation should consider to take up three nominated women Councillors namely Dr. Pam Rajput, Dr. Neelam Malik and Dr. Amrit Bolaria in the committee to be constituted in future.

Dr. Amrit Bolaria stated that the issue of Women Empowerment is very sensitive and important. The term of the present House is going to expire and it should complete the term gracefully. The Committees would be constituted by the next Mayor of the House as it is his privilege and he would be astute enough to involve the persons while constituting the

committees. She thanked the Mayor and the previous Mayors for reposing confidence in the nominated Councillors.

Smt. Anu Chatrath stated that recently she attended a marriage at community centre in Sector-15 and it was observed that due to the marriage function on the previous day refuse was littering here and there and nobody was present to clean the community centre as it was Sunday. Most of the people prefer Saturday – Sunday for the marriage function and therefore safaikaramcharies be deputed in community centres to keep the premises clean.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia stated that earlier the maintenance of community centres was with the Engineering Wing and a contractor was engaged for cleanliness. A copy of the booking receipt was sent to the said contractor, who would get the community centre cleaned before and after the marriage function. But now the function has been transferred to the M.O.H. He desired that the earlier system of contract should be re-introduced.

The Mayor desired that previous system of engaging contractor for cleanliness of community centres be re-started.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla thanked the nominated and elected Councillors, Officers and media persons for their co-operation during the last 5 years. He specifically congratulated the Mayor and stated that during his tenure maximum number of projects were approved and executed. The Media also played important role and alerted the officers and councillors about the short-comings. Some time hot discussion erupted between Councillors and Officers and requested that those issues should not be taken at heart. He requested the members of opposition party not to play politics in the last two meetings of the House. He also wished good-luck to the contesting candidates present in the House and also sought blessings as he was going to file the nomination paper for the forthcoming election of the Municipal Corporation.

Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (Retd.) thanked all the members of the House and the Officers for their co-operation and expressed his satisfaction that the construction of Mahila Bhawan has started. He pointed out that 4 years ago a resolution was passed by the House for construction of International Stadium in the city and the Member of Parliament Sh. Pawan Bansal also agreed on it, but with no result and it is not known why this project is not being finalized. Even a ten lane Sports Complex has been constructed in Sector-3 Panchkula, but Chandigarh Administration had done nothing in this regard during the last 4 years. He further stated that the Ex-Servicemen are not being given their due share in group C & D posts in the Municipal Corporation despite his repeated request which was injustice to them. He further stated that an army men retire from service between the age of 35-40 years and after serving the country in their youth, they are performing the duty of security guards at the gate of banks. He lamented that the ex-servicemen are being denied their right of service. He thanked all members of the House for their support during last 4 years.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta stated that in Ward No.16 some tenders were allotted and work on them had started, but recently those works have been stalled. The sanitary condition of the ward is very bad and heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere.

The Chief Engineer explained that the works already started would be continued, but in case the work has not been started it can not be taken up during the Model Code of Conduct.

The Acting Commissioner stated that a three days' special sanitation campaign has been started during which the whole city will be covered and garbage would be removed from early morning to evening and the tractor trolleys of Horticulture Wing would also be put in action during this campaign.

Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang stated that the Municipal Corporation auctioned Exhibition Ground, Sector-34, Chandigarh during Diwali festival and the higher bidder deposited Rs.20 lac for the same. But the adjoining park was allotted for just Rs.1.50 lac to fail the said bidder. He desired that the Chandigarh Administration be requested not to allot any park in the area where the Corporation has leased out a ground. He further stated that in the Night Food Street four kiosks are lying vacant and only one is running business.

The Mayor clarified that the said ground was allotted by the Chandigarh Administration. He further stated that it was direction from the Hon'ble High Court to review the rates of eatables in the Night Food Street. Accordingly the matter has been discussed in the meeting of F&CC and a Committee has been constituted to fix the rates of eatables.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 172nd meeting of the General House held on 07.10.2011 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the MC, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 before the House for confirmation.

“The House considered & confirmed the minutes of 172nd meeting of General House held on 07.10.2011 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Question/Answer

Question No.1 by Sh. Jatinder Bhatia, Councillor

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia stated that the question may be discussed lateron.

Question No.2 by Sh. Pardeep Chhabra, Councillor

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra had left the House, therefore the question was not discussed.

Question No.3 by Brig. Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri (Retd.), Councillor

Brig. Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri (Retd.) stated that in the reply of Public Health Wing, it has been mentioned that no funds for the renovation and improvement of cremation ground in Sector-25, Chandigarh have been received by this office during the last 5 years under Plan Head, whereas as per budget an amount of Rs.1.00 crore has been earmarked for the cremation ground. A Committee was also constituted in this regard and the said committee sent its recommendations, but nothing was done on the ground.

The Mayor clarified that at page No.12 of the agenda, it has been mentioned that the B&R Wing has spent an amount of Rs.25.00 lac upto August, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Action taken by Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana dated 11.3.2011 in LPA No. 249 of 2010 Sanawar Montessori School Versus Chandigarh Administration & Ors.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.3 for approval of the House.

The Mayor stated that as per directions of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana a concept paper is being prepared which would be placed before the F&CC in its next meeting and a pilot project has been launched for which Sector-22 has been selected being centre of the city. The concept paper would be placed before the House after discussing in the F&CC.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur stated that door to door collection of garbage is being carried out in some sectors and Residents Welfare Associations are also involved in this project. This project should be for whole city.

The Acting Commissioner apprised that the concept paper is just for information about the various aspects of the project and the final decision is to be taken by the House and the cost of project will be decided accordingly.

“The House considered & decided that the agenda be discussed in the F&CC first along with the concept paper.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Extension of outsourcing of manpower through service providers for sanitation work.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.4 for approval of the House.

“The House considered & resolved that the ex-post facto approval be granted for extension of the present contract for further three months i.e. from 01.11.2011 to 31.01.2012 or till the time tender is finalized, whichever is earlier.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Extension of validity period of free car parking passes issued to the winners of gallantry awards.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.1 for approval of the House.

The Mayor stated that Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri proposed this agenda for extending validity of free car parking passes for five years, but as a good gesture he has proposed it for life time.

“The House considered & resolved that the winners of gallantry award be issued free car parking passes which would be valid for their life time.”

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**