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SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JULY 16, 2020-

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 P.M. by the Council Vice-President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Council Members Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, Paplauskas, Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina (appeared at 9:12 p.m.) -6.

Absent: Councilmembers Donegan and Brady -2.

Also Present: John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration; Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor; Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel.

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**CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In accordance with Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter and Section 2.04.060 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on **Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Virtual ZOOM

Topic: Special City Council meeting

Time: Jul 16, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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At which meeting the following matter will be heard and considered for final passage.

- **Resolution Proposing Amendment to Sec. 6.21 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place on the Ballot the Following as a Referendum Question (Property Tax Levy Cap). Sponsored by Councilmembers Paplauskas and Hopkins. [\[click to view\]](#)**

I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 7th day of July, 2020

/s/ Michael J Farina, Council President

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special meeting of the City Council to be held on, Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Via ZOOM, was delivered via electronic mail on the 7th day of July, 2020 to the addresses listed below.

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Councilwoman Lammis Vargas
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Councilman John Donegan
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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

-JULY 16, 2020-

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO SEC. 6.21 OF THE CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT THE FOLLOWING AS A REFERENDUM QUESTION (Property Tax Levy Cap)

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Steve Fria, Chair of Charter Review Commission, appeared to speak and stated that this amendment is almost identical to What the City Council already approved. The only change the clarification for the voters to understand it clearer that, per State Law, above 3% requires super majority.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

/s/ Leanne Zarrella, JD
City Clerk

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee