



****AMENDED***
CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER G. PAPLAUSKAS, PRESIDING

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Topic: Council Meeting

Time: Feb 22, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtE9vwA1B1PQHuftrNPCzjg>.

Those participating by telephone who wish to speak during the public hearing are asked to press *9 to “raise hand” to be recognized by the Council President. Those participating via the web may utilize the “raise hand” button.

Agenda and Docketed Matters before the Council

- **Meeting Agenda & Docket** – Acknowledgment and approval of new meeting agenda and docket format and order. *(Vote will be taken)*
- **Nullification of Committee Action & Votes** – *Vote will be taken* to nullify the actions and votes of the following Committees which met on February 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm respectively and which items before those committees are set forth below:

Claims Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm:

- Property Damage claim of:
 - Highway Vehicle # H-36 from alleged incident on 10/13/2020
 - Alfred Oakes from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Tatevik Martirosyan from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Stephen Quartino from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Brenda Rusconi from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Timothy Mallin from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Jeanne Supino from alleged incident on 12/25/2020
 - Raymond Votto from alleged incident on 12/25/2020
 - Ann Marie Costa from alleged incident on 10/1/2020

Public Works Committee Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm:

Request from National Grid for pole location at Natick Ave. *Referred to Public Works Committee February 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Request from National Grid for pole location at Midway Rd. *Referred to Public Works Committee February 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

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Ordinance Committee Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm:

- 1-21-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 Chapter 40 Section 020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel/Municipal Court” (Appointment, Term and Qualifications of Judge of the Municipal Court) and Section 130 (Acting Judge/Acting Clerk/Auxiliary Judge). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Councilman Reilly. [\[click to view\]](#)
- 1-21-03 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel - Small Business Advisory Committee”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Brady and Councilwoman Renzulli. Co-sponsored by Councilmen Ferri, Reilly, Councilwomen Germain and Vargas. [\[click to view\]](#)

1-21-04 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel - Pandemic Advisory Task Force”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Brady and Councilwoman Marino. *As amended in Committee 2/11/2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution of the City Council Authorizing a Redistricting Commission to Develop a Redistricting Plan for the Six Wards of the City of Cranston. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#)

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

None.

II. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution recognizing March as “Women’s History Month”. Sponsored by Councilwomen Renzulli, Marino, Germain and Vargas. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Resolution urging the General Assembly to pass H5257 and S0121 to end Source of Income Discrimination”. Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilwoman Vargas. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Resolution urging the General Assembly to pass H5193 and S0013 placing a Moratorium on Charter School Expansion”. Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilwoman Marino. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 (Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady, Chair)

Resolution authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Resolution authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Tax Interest Waiver Approvals [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 (Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW *(Over the Cap – requires Council Approval)*
CAMP NOWHERE, LLC d/b/a Camp Nowhere 641 Fletcher Ave.
Ezra Spitzer-Williams and James Rutkovsky **(WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT)**
[\[click to view withdrawal memo\]](#)

(Vote will be taken to accept the correspondence re withdrawal and make it part of the record)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW (*Over the Cap – requires Council Approval*)
L.A. BAILEY'S, LLC d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café 1458 Park Ave.
Laurie Keough
(Vote will be taken)

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Public hearings are limited to the subject matter of docketed matters only. Public comment may be permitted and will be subject to time limitations. Such hearings and comment do not include the introduction of new matters before the Council (see section XI herein).

Written public comment is accepted and may be submitted via email to the Council before the meeting at <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday before the Council meeting (Friday, February 19, 2021). All such written comments will be identified by name, address, date, shall be provided to council members before the meeting and the record shall be so noted. (Vote to be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

For in person meetings, those members of the public then present in the audience may be invited to comment. For meetings occurring via a collaboration platform (i.e., Zoom), those members of the public then present in the audience may be allowed to comment by calling in to the meeting at 1-888-788-0099 or by appearing on screen.

V. ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Cranston Housing Commission:

- Jeffrey Barone, Majority Member Appointment 3-year term. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Frank Dizoglio, Majority Member Appointment 2-year term. Sponsored by Councilman Ferri and Councilman Reilly. (*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Annette Bourne, Minority Member Appointment. 3-year term Sponsored by Councilman Donegan (*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Amy Rainone, Minority Member Appointment. 2-year term Sponsored by Councilman Donegan (*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Derik Tutt, Full Council Appointment 2-year term. Sponsored Councilwoman Renzulli and Council Vice President Brady. (*Vote will be taken*)

Board of Canvassers:

- Appointment of Quilcia Monronta, Minority Position new term beginning 3/2/2021 to expire *3/1/2027. *(*Vote will be taken*)

Traffic Safety Committee:

- Matthew Volpi, Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas
(*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Stephen T. Quartino, Sponsored by Councilwoman *Marino
(*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)
- Ivy Swinski, Sponsored by Councilman Donegan
(*Informational only - no vote will be taken*)

VI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Donegan:

- Landlord and Snow Removal (*Informational only*)

Council Vice-President Brady:

- Discussion of a plan of how to get council back in chambers safely over the coming months (*Informational only*)

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None.

XI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL*

* Each new matter is referred for public hearing, by a majority vote of the Council, to the appropriate sub-committee of the Council. They are listed here for referral to a committee and for informational purposes. Such majority vote may refer individual matters or matters may be grouped by committee and voted on for referral to that committee.

- Advice and Consent of appointment of James Warren as Fire Chief, Cranston Fire Department
(*Referred to Special Finance Committee March 11, 2021*).

- 2-21-01 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone – Extension of Pepper Mill Lane). Petition filed by David DelFino. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)
- 2-21-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 Chapter 72 Section 060 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Administration and Personnel/Juvenile Hearing Board" Sponsored by Councilwoman Marino. *Referred to Ordinance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)
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Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$147,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the City, subject to approval of State Housing Aid at a reimbursement rate or State share ratio of not less than 50% at the time of issuance and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by the amount of certain Grants received from State Bond proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the acquisition, improvement, renovation and repair of Fire and Public Safety equipment by the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes therefor. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to finance the construction, improvement, renovation, repair, alteration, furnishing and equipping of public buildings in the City by the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes therefor. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair and alteration of playgrounds, athletic fields and related equipment in the City by the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes therefor. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.*
[\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to finance the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of streets, sidewalks and bridges in the City, including, but not limited to paving, drainage, traffic control devices, road maintenance equipment, safety improvements and landscaping and all costs incidental or related thereto by the issuance of not more than \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes therefor. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution - Loan Order authorizing the City of Cranston to finance the acquisition, equipping and installation of renewable energy and energy conservation improvements that reduce energy costs and/or use of fossil fuels in public buildings and facilities in the City and all attendant expenses, including but not limited to engineering costs by the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes therefor. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady. *Referred to Finance Committee March 11, 2021.* [\[click to view\]](#)

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Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, March 11, 2021

- Property Damage Claim:
 - Monica Barros from alleged incident on December 1, 2020.
 - Jeanne Supino from alleged incident on December 25, 2020.
 - Raymond Votto, Jr. from alleged incident on December 25, 2020.
 - Christopher Hougasian from alleged incident on January 20, 2021.
 - Anna Jakubiok from alleged incident on January 26, 2021.
 - Carlos & Mary Ann Soares from alleged incident on February 1, 2021.
 - Catherine Stockley from alleged incident on February 1, 2021.
 - Highway Vehicle # H-36 from alleged incident on 10/13/2020
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 - Stephen Quartino from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
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 - Timothy Mallin from alleged incident on 12/17/2020
 - Jeanne Supino from alleged incident on 12/25/2020
 - Raymond Votto from alleged incident on 12/25/2020
 - Ann Marie Costa from alleged incident on 10/1/2020

- Personal injury claim:
 - Evelin Villeta from alleged incident on January 21, 2021
 - Marie Magee from alleged incident on January 26, 2021

XI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

None.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed Meeting per R.I. Gen. § Laws 42-46-4

- Session pertains to litigation (prospective) per R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and Investigative Proceedings regarding allegations of civil misconduct per R.I. Gen. § Laws 42-46-5(a)(6).

The City Council's next regular monthly meeting will be held on March 22, 2021.

Leanne Zarrella, J.D.
City Clerk