



# CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

*Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.*

## *Zoom Webinar Meeting*

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Topic: City Council

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## **Agenda and Docketed Matters Before the Council**

- **Call to order** by the Council President; council member attendance taken (*No votes taken*)
- Meeting **minutes** (*Vote to be taken*)

## **I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

- Cranston High School West Varsity Winter Ice Hockey Division II State Championship  
*(no votes taken)*

## **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT ON DOCKETED ITEMS**

Public hearings are limited to the subject matter of docketed matters only and comments are 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, March 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.

## **III. RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution recognizing the new multi-sport stadium housed within the Henry “Hank” Orabone Sports Complex located at Cranston High School West “Allan W. Fung Stadium” Sponsored by Councilman Reilly and Councilwoman Renzulli. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) *(vote will be taken)*

Resolution of the City Council “Asking the General Assembly to Re-examine the State Education Fair Funding Formula to Ensure Equitable Educational Funding to Local Municipalities” Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain, Council Vice President Brady, Councilwoman Marino and Councilwoman Renzulli. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) *(vote will be taken)*

Resolution recognizing March 2021 as the 19th Annual March for Meals Month, Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas and Council Vice President Brady. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#)  
(*vote will be taken*)

Resolution urging the Council and the Administration to proclaim March as a remembrance month of Survivors and Victims of Covid-19 Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#)  
(*vote will be taken*)

Resolution “Freedom from Domestic Violence as a Fundamental Human Right” Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

#### **IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

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

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (*vote will be taken*)

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. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (vote will be taken)

Resolution authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements. [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (vote will be taken)

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

- Tax Interest Waiver Approvals [\[click to view List\]](#) (vote will be taken)

Advice and Consent re: Mayoral appointment of James Warren as Fire Chief, Cranston Fire Department (Vote will be taken)

**CLAIMS COMMITTEE OF MARCH 11, 2021**  
(Councilman John P Donegan, Chair)

**Report of settled claims (Informational purposes – No vote will be taken):** Raymond Votto Jr. \$149.11 Vehicle Damage; Alfred Oakes Jr. \$300.00 Property Damage; Timothy Mallin \$50.00 Property Damage; Steven Defusco \$5,000.00 Vehicle Damage; Jeanne Supino \$151.86 Vehicle Damage; Carmino Paliotta \$3,977.83 Vehicle Damage; Ann Marie Costa \$240.00 Property Damage.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF MARCH 11, 2021**  
(Councilman Matthew J. Reilly, Chair)

- 1-21-05 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.84 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (Conformance to District Regulations Required & Substandard Lots of Record). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)
- 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. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)
- 1-21-01 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Traffic control signal lights authorized at certain intersections -Pedestrian actuated.” (Park Avenue and Grace Street). Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Report\]](#) [\[click to view Public Works Director's Memo\]](#) (vote will be taken)

- 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. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)
- 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. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)
- 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. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)
- 1-21-06 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8.32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Recycling”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) (vote will be taken)

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. *Pending Approval of the Special Ordinance Committee of March 18, 2021.* [\[click to view Resolution\]](#) (vote will be taken)

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UN-DOCKETED ITEMS**

Public comment may be permitted subject to time limitations for UN-DOCKETED items only.

## **VI. ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **Traffic Safety Committee:**

- Frank Ritz: Sponsored by Councilman Reilly (*Informational only no vote will be taken*)
- Joe Graziano Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain (*Informational only no vote will be taken*)
- Michael Costello Sponsored by Councilman Ferri (*Informational only no vote will be taken*)
- Lindsay Michelle Correia Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas (*Informational only no vote will be taken*)

### **Juvenile Hearing Board**

- Bernard Kevin O’Connor: Member 2 Sponsored by Councilman Ferri (*vote will be taken*)

## **VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

None.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Legal Expense Analysis for 7/1/2020 – 3/22/2021. [\[click to view report\]](#) *(No vote taken)*

Request to be continued in service for one year, Assistant Chief Daniel Marcinko, Cranston Fire Department *(vote will be taken)*

Request to be continued in service for one year, Acting Chief James E. Warren, Cranston Fire Department *(vote will be taken)*

## **IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

*Councilman John Donegan:*

- Discussion of Covid Relief Funds

*Councilwoman Vargas:*

- RIPTA COVID Presentation

## **XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

None.

## **XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL\***

\* These new matters are referred for public hearing to the appropriate sub-committee of the Council. They are listed here for referral to a committee and vote will be taken.

3-21-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10.32 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic “(Baldwin Orchard Drive & Russet Way – 3 way stop) Sponsored by Councilmen Reilly and Ferri. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)

- 3-21-02 Ordinance in Amendment of Title 2 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “Administration and Personnel-Diversity Commission” by Councilwomen Marino, Vargas and Germain. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)
- 3-21-03 Ordinance Ratifying School Committee’s Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cranston Teachers’ Alliance, Local 1704, AFT Paraprofessionals Unit (September 1, 2021 –August 31, 2021). Introduced pursuant to Charter Section 11.02.1. *Referred to Finance Committee April 5, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)  
[\[click to view Tentative Agreement and CBA\]](#)
- 3-21-04 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations” (Third Party Delivery Services). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)
- 3-21-05 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005 Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” (Riding of Mini-Bikes, Etc on Public Property) Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)
- 3-21-06 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10 Chapter 40.035 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” (Fuel Service of Mini-Bikes, Etc by Service Stations”. Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. *Referred to Ordinance Committee April 15, 2021.* [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#)

Request from National Grid for pole location at Natick Avenue and Valley View Drive, *Referred to Public Works Committee April 15, 2021* [\[click to view Request\]](#)

### **XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK**

None.

- **Adjournment** (*Vote will be taken*)

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on April 26, 2021.

**Leanne Zarrella, J.D.**  
**City Clerk**

