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## **SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

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A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 via ZOOM webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

Also Present: Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration; Christopher Millea, City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Michael Igoe, City Controller; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst.

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## **CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL**

### **Special Meeting - Docket**

**Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas**

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Virtual Zoom Webinar**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: May 6, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Special City Council

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

- **Call to order** by Council President; council members attendance taken  
(No votes taken)

In Accordance with Section 3.07 and 6.03 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, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.,**

at which meeting the following items of business shall be transacted

### **Adoption of Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022:**

- **Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget and Salary Schedule for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Insurance Fund and the Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and adopting the Capital improvement Program for the four succeeding years.**  
(Vote will be taken) [\[click here to view proposed Resolution\]](#)

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- **Ordinance Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.** *(Vote will be taken)* [\[click here to view proposed Ordinance\]](#)
- **Resolution Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Section 6.11 of the Home Rule Charter;** *(Vote will be taken)* [\[click here to view proposed Resolution\]](#)
- **Ordinance Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty** *(Vote will be taken)* [\[click here to view proposed Ordinance\]](#)

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 27th day of April, 2021.

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/s/ Christopher G. Paplauskas, Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Office of the City Clerk at 461-1000 Ext. 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.”

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

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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, May 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar, was hand delivered and delivered via electronic mail on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 to the addresses listed below.

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

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**Council President Paplauskas** thanked Council Vice-President Brady, Chair of Finance Committee, members of the Finance Committee and City Council, Mr. Dimaio, Director Strom and the Finance Department in their work during the budget process. He indicated that per Section 6.09 of the Charter, if amendments are made this evening and the budget does not pass, it will go in as submitted by the Mayor.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked if there are any amendments.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1306-54602 “Refuse Removal-Tipping Fees”, decreasing it by \$10,000. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend account #1306-54602 “Refuse Removal-Tipping Fees”, decreasing it by \$10,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that based on this year’s current numbers as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, Refuse Tipping Fees is tracking about 67%. Last year, budgetary number was \$1,349,000, this year’s request was \$1,360,000 based on calculations, we felt with some discussion with Director Strom, that it would come in about \$1,350,000.

**Councilman Donegan** stated that BOCAP just approved the new contract with Waste Management. He asked if there is any change in the tipping fees that may impact that. Mr. Dimaio stated that the tipping fees are directly related to RI Resource Recovery and do not have anything to do with the contract.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1306-54607 “White Goods”, decreasing it by \$10,000. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend account #1306-54607 “White Goods”, decreasing it by \$10,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that currently, based on actual, as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, budgetary number is running at about 46.83%. The actual number budgeted for this year was \$60,000 as it was last year. There seems to be no issue by reducing that by \$10,000 since it is running far under anticipation.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1306-44402 “Waste Bags”, increase in revenue by \$9,828.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend account #1306-44402 “Waste Bags”, increasing it by \$9,828. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1204-53402 “Rescue Fund – Billing Expense”, reducing it by \$13,500. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend account #1204-53402 “Rescue Fund – Billing Expense”, increasing it by \$13,500.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that in this year’s budget, it is flat funded from \$200,000. In review of the current activity, it is projected that this year’s figure will run about \$151,000. Based on that and review with Director Strom, we feel that the reduction will be adequate and fit along the parameters.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1111-5100 “Inspections - Salary”, increasing it by \$28,017. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to amend line item #111-5100 “Inspections – Salary”, increasing it by \$28,017.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that after discussion, the suggestion was to find funds to have a new Inspections position which will start January 1<sup>st</sup>. That number is half of the salary of a full-time person will be paid. Total yearly salary would be \$56,033.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1111-51300 “Inspections – Payroll Taxes”, increasing it by \$2,143. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend line item #111-51300 “Inspections – Payroll Taxes”, increasing it by \$2,143.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that in conjunction with the salary, this is the payroll taxes portion.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1111-51302 “Inspections - Hospitalization”, increasing it by \$13,168. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend line item #111-51302 “Inspections – Hospitalization”, increasing it by \$13,168.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that that is the hospitalization that would be attached to that position.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

**Mr. Igoe** asked what the title, grade and step would be for this position. Mr. Dimaio stated that Director Strom had given that information to him, but he does not have that with him. He asked Director Strom to speak regarding this. Director Strom stated that he is showing it has a Grade 26 Step 1/2. Obviously beginning in January, we do not need a 1/2. It would just be a Grade 26 Step 1 and the second step would not take place until July of the next Fiscal Year and that position title proposed was Commercial Buildings Plan Examiner or Zoning Officer, both at the same grade and step.

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that the intent was to have someone to go out and do code compliance. Director Strom stated that that is correct.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1107-42150 “Municipal Court – Traffic Fines”, increasing it by \$25,000. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend line item #1107-42150 “Municipal Court – Traffic Fines”, increasing it by \$25,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that in reviewing the history of Traffic Court, in 2019 the Traffic Court did \$687,000 in a full year, in 2020, the actuals was \$500,000 and 2021, proposal is \$625,000. With everything going back to normal by July 1<sup>st</sup> and in discussion with Chief Judge Smith, he felt that he would be able to attain \$450,000 if not greater and to be conservative, we increased it by \$25,000.

**Director Strom** asked that everyone keep in mind that the Courts were shut down for at least 4-5 weeks this year and that is one of the items he put in to get revenue from the American Rescue Fund Act to offset the loss of Revenue for this year. For next year, with the Courts being back into session, he thinks it should be fine with this \$25,000.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1102-52212 “City Council - Council Legal Counsel”, increasing it by \$12,000. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to amend line item #1102-52212 “City Council – Council Legal Counsel”, increasing it by \$12,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that in discussion with some of the Council Members and discussion with the amount of time and work that is going into that area as of late, it was suggested that a rate increase would be comparable with some other municipalities would be suggested.

Councilman Ferri motioned to amend the above motion to increase this line item by an additional \$3,500, a \$6,000 increase of what Council Vice-President Brady proposed. Councilwoman Germain seconded the motion.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Ferri** stated that he personally feels that the value our attorney has given us over the last four months so far is invaluable. He is there every time you call him, he has helped him and other Council people understand and write Ordinances. He does not get to bill the City any additional money besides what we pay him.

**Councilman Reilly** stated that he thinks that we have been in office now and have had Mr. Angell on for approximately five months. When we offered him the position there was a set fee for that. The rate that it is at now is competitive with other cities and towns. He does a great job, but in a year where we are trying to be as lean as possible, he does not see a need for it just four months in.

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**Councilwoman Marino** stated that having the increase so that the annual stipend is \$42,000 a year for our Solicitor, she does not find that to be outrageous at all. Other municipalities pay a lot more and the \$42,000 is reasonable.

**Councilman Donegan** stated that Council Vice-President Brady had mentioned that if his motion were to pass, it would impact future amendments that he was going to make. He asked if there is any insight where that money would be going. Council Vice-President Brady stated that his additional two amendments he was going to offer, the additional \$13,000, \$7,000 he was looking to put towards video streaming and \$6,000 he was looking to put into Orders of the Council to utilize for as we see pop up in different parts of the State those boxes. He would like to utilize local artists for all six Wards to stop graffiti that we are seeing throughout the City in hopes to beautify the City and utilize local Cranston artists like we are seeing in Providence and other places. He looked for grants and according to our Grant Writer, there is nothing available.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan and Council Vice-President Brady -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly and Council President Paplauskas -3.

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**Council Vice-President Brady** suggested the following amendment to account #1102-52217 “City Council - Video Streaming”, increase of \$7,000. He asked Mr. Dimaio to explain this further.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1102-52217 “City Council – Video Streaming”, increase of \$7,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that this is for the video streaming changes that are going to be needed. This is just an estimate. A suggestion would be, not knowing what the total number is, if this is a number to be into the Orders of the Council to be specifically used for video streaming and it was not all used for that, maybe the remainder of what is there could be used for Council Vice-President Brady’s project. Council President Paplauskas agreed with Mr. Dimaio’s suggestion.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend the above motion to place these funds into the Orders of the Council. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Councilman Donegan** stated that the intention of the amendments he is going to make is to increase staff in the Canvassing Department by one full-time position for Bilingual Election Specialist for the full Fiscal Year starting July. The amendments he will make will be a combination of both increases in revenue as well as decreases in a quite a few line items. If they all pass, it will cover the funds necessary to create that full-time position.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1202-53209 “Police Department – Expenditures – Rent” reducing it by \$11,253.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that we would reduce that in the budget, which would free up that money to elsewhere and we would apply East and West Lease Impact Fees towards that.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1101-52111 “Executive - Dues” reducing it to -0-.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that the last budget was the first time this line item was included and it has not been spent yet so he thinks it can be moved elsewhere.

**Director Moretti** stated that he believes that that was the line item that dues were paid out to the Chamber of Commerce. Currently, he believes there is no Chamber of Commerce. If there is a Chamber of Commerce, we would want that in there. Councilwoman Renzulli asked how often the dues are paid to the Chamber of Commerce. Director Moretti stated that he is quite sure that that was just a one payment. Councilwoman Renzulli stated that she thinks it is under two places. It is also under Economic Development.

**Councilwoman Vargas** stated that she supports this amendment given the fact that dues have not been used.

**Director Strom** stated that that \$500 which is in the Executive line item is there for a special purpose. There was a legal issue that was done between the City and a few other communities on a certain issue that they were trying to get resolved and each community donated \$500 for that legal presence. That has since ended and that \$500 is something that is available. It has no bearing on the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is listed under Economic Development at \$515.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1110-52751 “Economic Development – Chamber of Commerce Activities” reducing it to -0-.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** indicated that the Chamber of Commerce is defunct.

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**Councilman Reilly** stated that while he recognizes the Chambers is defunct at this time, there are individuals and the Mayor who are supportive of it and other City Council members are trying to rejuvenate that so having that in the budget would not hurt.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1101-52110 “Executive Department - Contingency” reducing it to -0-.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** indicated that as of March 31<sup>st</sup> financial report, only \$40 of that has been spent.

**Councilwoman Renzulli** asked what this line item is for. Mr. Igoe stated that this is something at the Mayor’s discretion if something came up that he needed to spend money on. That is for incidentals that occur during the year that the Mayor has discretion to spend that money on.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -4.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1101-52113 “Executive Department – Orders of the Mayor” reducing it to \$2,100.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** indicated that the reason for this is the proposed budget doubles that line item. The highest actual in recent history was \$2,075 in Fiscal Year 2016 and as of March 31<sup>st</sup> report, -0- has been spent, so reducing it to the highest amount that it has actually been spent within the past five years is reasonable.

**Director Moretti** stated that the Administration feels the increase is to help the community, community involvement and involve the City Council in recognizing the efforts of the various people in our community. The Administration feels that that would be a wonderful way in doing so to build community spirit and also to do community events especially coming out of a pandemic.

**Councilman Ferri** stated that he fully understands why the \$6,000. Maybe a compromise would be reducing it to \$3,000 and maybe the following year, we could go up to \$6,000 if we feel it is necessary.

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On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend Councilman Donegan’s motion to amend line item #1101-52113 “Executive Department – Orders of the Mayor” to \$3,000.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that he spent hours going through the budget and in order to find the money that we need for the Canvassers position we have to reduce line items to make the budget neutral and given the spending actuals for this line item for the past five years and the spending actuals for this Fiscal Year, which is -0-, \$2,100 better reflects the historical use of that line item. This has nothing to do with the Mayor. It is just strictly that that money has not been spent in the past, it is not being spent now and he thinks it would be better utilized going elsewhere.

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that he will not be voting for this amendment. He does not consider looking at past budgets. There was a different Mayor then. Our Mayor now is going to be using this money for community events and showcasing Cranston and bringing us back from a pandemic.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Roll call was taken on motion made by Councilman Donegan and seconded by Councilwoman Vargas to amend line item #1101-52113 “Executive Department – Orders of the Mayor” reducing it to \$2,100 and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -4.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1103-52310 “Law Department – Administrative Legal Expenses” reducing it to \$22,000.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that the proposed budget increases this line item from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Based on the current year actuals, it is projected to run closer to \$22,000 so reducing it would make it closer to what the actuals are for this year.

**Councilman Reilly** reminded the City Council members that this year’s numbers also have to be seen through the context that the Courts were closed for close to six months so a lot of our Prosecutors were not going to Court and billing for those hours and that needs to be taken into consideration.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan and Council President Paplauskas -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly and Council Vice-President Brady -3.

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Councilman Donegan motioned to amend line item #1115-52000 “Contract and Purchase – Office Supplies and Expenses” by reducing it to \$750. Council Vice-President Brady seconded the motion for discussion.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that this line item is running closer to \$750 for this year.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -4.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1300-54001 “Public Works Facilities - Maintenance” by reducing it to \$90,000, a \$10,000 reduction.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that this is based on the actuals for this year.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked what the actuals were for the last few years. Councilman Donegan stated that he believes it went from \$10,000 in Fiscal Year 2020 to \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2021.

**Director Strom** stated that the increase was due to the lease agreement with the facility Inspections moved into last year.

**Mr. Igoe** indicated that the rent did not start until October of last year. In the current year budget, we did not get charged for the first three months of rent.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1113-52000 “Accounting and Control – Office Supplies and Expenses” by reducing it to \$1,400.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that this is based on actuals for this year.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -4.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1108-51200 “Department of Canvassers – Part-Time Help” by reducing it to -0-.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that the intention is to take the money allocated for the current part-time position and put it towards a full-time employee, which is line with the request from the Canvassers Department.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1105-42128 “Miscellaneous Licenses” and increasing it from \$800 to \$2,400.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that this is for fireworks sales license. This would raise the fee from \$50 to \$150 and we would have to do this by a subsequent Ordinance.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Councilwoman Vargas** suggested the following amendment to account #1900-52057 “Cranston Community Grants” by reducing it to -0-.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1900-52057 “Cranston Community Grants” by reducing it to -0-.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Vargas** stated that the purpose of this amendment is to have those funds be eventually allocated to the Canvassing Department. She indicated that to date, the budgeted amount of \$13,500 has not been used at all.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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**Councilwoman Vargas** suggested the following amendment to account #1112-52900 “Bank Charges” by reducing it to \$1,100.

On motion by Councilwoman Vargas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1112-52900 “Finance Department - Bank Charges” by reducing it to \$1,100.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Vargas** stated that the reason for this amendment is that we have not used the entire \$2,000 that was appropriated for it. Director Strom stated that based on the activity this year and prior years we spent quite a bit of money on bank charges and we have reduced it considerably. Sometimes when we do bond, some of our fees prior to the bonding for some of the banks have custodial fees as part of the budget that is incorporated there. Right now, we have not bonded, but we intend to bond for next year and there could be additional custodial fees, especially with the School Department. He does not have a major issue if Councilwoman Vargas wants to reduce it, but his concern is if we have more custodial fees due to the fact that the large quantity of bonding, reducing it to \$1,100 may not be adequate. Councilwoman Vargas asked Director Strom if he would be open to reducing it to \$1,200 instead. Director Strom stated that he would be more comfortable if Councilwoman Vargas would consider \$1,500 just in case, because he does not know what the custodial fees are going to be for next year. Councilwoman Vargas asked Director Strom if he would be agreeable with \$1,300. Director Strom stated, yes.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilwoman Vargas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1112-52900 “Finance Department – Bank Charges” by reducing it to \$1,300 and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Vargas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1106-52004 “Probate Court - Expenses” by reducing it to \$200 and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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**Councilman Donegan** suggested the following amendment to account #1108-51300 “Board of Canvassers – Payroll Taxes” reducing it to \$1,186.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1108-51300 “Board of Canvassers – Payroll Taxes” reducing it by \$1,186. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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**Councilman Donegan** gave summary of all the amendments made so far:

- Clerk’s Office-Miscellaneous – increased by \$1,600
- Mayor’s Office-Executive-Dues – reduced by \$500
- Executive-Contingency – reduced to -0-
- Executive-Orders of the Mayor – reduced to \$2,100
- Law Department-Administrative Legal Expenses – reduced to \$22,000
- Contract & Purchase-Office Supplies – reduced to \$750
- Police-Rent – reduced by \$11,253
- Public Works Department-Public Works Facilities Maintenance – reduced to \$90,000
- Canvassing Department-Part-Time Help – reduced to -0
- Canvassing Department-Payroll Taxes – reduced by \$1,186
- Accounts and Control-Office Supplies – reduced to \$1,400
- Finance Department-Bank Charges – reduced to \$1,300
- Boards and Commissions-Working City Challenge – reduced to -0-
- Economic Development-Chambers of Commerce Activities – reduced to -0-
- Probate Court-Office Supplies – reduced to \$300

**Councilman Donegan** stated that these add up to \$63,804. Mr. Dimaio and Mr. Igoe agree.

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**Mr. Igoe** gave the following outline for the full-time position in the Canvassing Department:

- Line item #51100 Salary - \$41,750
- Line item #51300 Payroll Taxes - \$3,194
- Line item #51301 Pension - \$4,620
- Line item #51302 - \$14,029
- Line item #51304 - \$211

Total of \$63,804

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend the line items as stated by Mr. Igoe. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve position of Bilingual Specialist at Grade 17 Step 1/2. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend Salary Schedule for Plan Reviewer/Inspector at Grade 26 Step 1 in the amount of \$28,017 for half a year. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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Councilwoman Renzulli motioned to amend line item #1400 “Revenues – Parks and Recreation Receipts” increasing it to \$200,000, a \$50,000 increase. No one seconded the motion.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to amend line item #1400 “Revenues - Parks and Recreation Receipts” by increasing it from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1111-51100 “Inspections – Salary” by increasing it by \$28,017. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1111-51300 “Inspections – Payroll Taxes” by increasing it by \$2,143. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1111-51302 “Inspections – Hospitalization” by increasing it by \$13,168. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1111-51301 “Inspections – Pension” by increasing it by \$5,048. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1111-51304 “Inspections – Insurance” by increasing it by \$211. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #52217 “City Council – Video Streaming” by fully funding it in the amount of \$12,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to appropriate \$14,413 in the “Orders of the Council”.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Renzulli** stated that she would like to take the \$14,413 and put in the “Orders of the Council” to use as the Council sees fit.

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that one issue that everyone seems to be supporting is Council Vice-President Brady’s initiative to do the painting project if everyone is in agreement to allocate a portion to that and the remainder would be for however the Council decides it should be used, but that was the initial discussion.

**Councilman Donegan** stated that Council Vice-President Brady’s idea is a good one and worth exploring. The only difference he would add is where to allocate the funding for that because we have a very active Arts Commission and if we are going to do something with public art and a project like that, it would probably be best suited to allocate that funding to the Arts Commission and let them decide what is best.

**Council Vice-President Brady** stated that he would love to collaborate with the Arts Commission to do additional arts throughout the City.

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that he would not want to put all this money into the Arts Commission. They have a budget also. It would be better served by putting this money into the “Orders of the Council” and it would be better served in helping them and facilitate the funds.

**Councilwoman Marino** stated that while she welcomes the effort of the Council and reaching out to the community and use this money to help our community and do that in a collaborative way, she thinks that all of the \$14,413 perhaps is not best served in that way. She thinks a portion of that perhaps should go to the Arts Commission directly so that they have the freedom to determine which way they would like to beautify the City with the arts and encourage that. That would be a good outreach of goodwill.

**Council Vice-President Brady** stated that in an effort of compromise, he suggested putting \$10,000 into the “Orders of the Council” and the remainder into the Arts Commission.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to appropriate \$10,000 in the “Orders of the Council”.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Reilly** stated that he thinks that the Arts Commission could use some money. He thinks there are a lot of groups as well throughout the City that maybe the \$4,000 go to this one group and no extra go to the others, they may not be happy with that. He thinks if we leave it in the “Orders of the Council”, we could still give that to them if we decide to give \$4,000 to the Arts Commission. He just does not want to rush this this evening and give the Arts Commission the money this evening.

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Roll call was taken on motion to put \$10,00 into the “Orders of the Council” and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to amend line item #52056 “Arts Commission” by adding \$4,413. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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Council President Paplauskas asked Director Strom and Mr. Igoe if we need to amend the Grade and Step again for the Inspector now that we changed it from half a year to a full year. Mr. Igoe stated that we should amend the salary schedule to reflect the total amount. He gave the following language: line item #5111 Building Inspector/Plan Review Field Inspector – increasing it from \$28,017 to \$56,034.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #5111 “Inspections Department – Inspector/Plan Review Field Inspector – Salary” to \$56,034 reflecting a full year for this position. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1107-42153 “Municipal Court-Revenue”, increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1111-42161 “Inspections-Zoning Permits” by amending it from \$250,000 to \$275,000.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Renzulli** asked for Director Strom’s opinion on this before a vote is taken. Director Strom stated that currently, this year, we budgeted \$250,000 and we received \$240,000 so far. If things stay the same, it would reasonable to increase that line item on the data he currently has.

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that he would be more comfortable with a lower number. He is worried we may not hit that number next year.

Roll call was taken on motion to put \$10,00 into the “Orders of the Council” and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1111-42160 “Inspections-Building Permits” from \$780,000 to \$8880,000.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Dimaio** stated that from a perspective of going forward, a lot of the increase you have to consider was due to the pandemic and people staying home and doing things to their homes. He would be cautious of the changes in the atmosphere as we were forced to stay home and now come July, we may be able to go everywhere. A concern is to be very conscious of these changes.

**Director Strom** stated that he does not feel comfortable with a \$100,000 increase. If it is another \$25,000, he can support that, but \$100,000 seems to be very optimistic.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to amend line item #1111-42160 “Inspections-Building Permits” by increasing it by \$25,000. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas - 8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Reilly -1.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to amend Group -0-41175- “Department-Miscellaneous” from \$184,113,173 to \$184,326,053.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that what this would do is generate over \$200,000 that would allow us to make real investments in our schools and summer programs.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 1-8. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Donegan -1. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -8.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1108-51302 “Canvassing Department - Hospitalization” by adding “Bilingual Canvassing Specialist” position in the amount of \$6,851. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain, Donegan, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly -2.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1400-55008 “Parks and Recreation – and fund \$20,000 for “Program Aid”.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Renzulli** stated that perhaps we should think of giving the Mayor’s Office back the \$3,900 for the events that they want to do for community outreach.

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**Councilman Donegan** stated that we need to put money where it is being spent or best spent. He also stated that the remaining balance of \$28,149 was the intent to give to the schools.

**Councilman Ferri** questioned who will determine who will get the aid and who does not. Councilman Donegan stated that an Ordinance to clarify that will be submitted by the end of the month detailing the qualifications for that.

**Councilman Reilly** asked Councilman Donegan if this amount of money is to meet the level of funding in the amount of children that need that level of funding for this program or are we going to be getting into a position where we benchmark it and this \$28,000 is not enough. Councilman Donegan stated that that is a good question. It is difficult to project what the programs will look like this year, what those enrollments are going to be and who is enrolling. At minimal, it could be on a first come first serve basis for families that qualify or there could be a pool to help pay for their children to go to camp.

**Councilman Reilly** stated that he thinks this is a good idea, but he echoed Councilwoman Renzulli's remarks and agreed that the Mayor's Office took a large brunt of cuts in order to fund a position from a part-time to full-time, but he wants to make sure that we have enough money in this pool so that if we set that line way do not find that it actually costs us \$50,000 and not \$28,000.

**Director Strom** stated that he understands this Program Aid is for the kids. He does not understand why we are going to be giving the School \$28,149 more when they are getting over \$68 million. They represent almost 55% of our budget. They are generating this year over \$4 million surplus. They are getting \$9 million Trump stimulus money and another \$20 million of the American Rescue Fund. Why are we even considering a small portion of \$28,000? It sounds to him that it is a goodwill gesture, but \$28,000 is not going to do a hill of beans for the School when they have so much money coming in and they are generating money due to the pandemic.

**Council President Paplauskas** indicated that we also have to pay the debt service on the new bonds that just passed on the City side. Director Strom stated that this is correct.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to add \$10,000 to the Diversity Commission and creating a line item for that. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1101-52113 “Executive-Orders of the Mayor” by adding \$3,900. Motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan -5.

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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend line item #1102-52218 “City Council - Orders of the Council” by adding \$18,149.

Under Discussion:

Discussion took place on what to name this line item. Director Strom suggested “Council Contingency”.

**Attorney Angell** stated that motion and second should be withdrawn and new motion be made to Mr. Strom’s point to put it in a contingency line item with a stipulation that it be spent based on majority vote of the City Council.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to create a new line item #1102-52218 “City Council – Contingency Fund” and add \$18,149 and funds to be spent based on majority vote of the City Council. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to amend the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget to use Western Impact Fees for bike path beautification and restoration by adding \$167,834.91.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Marino** stated that from her understanding, it has been approximately 25 years since there has been some real significant changes to the bike path there is great improvement potential there where we can benefit and she thinks it could benefit some of the businesses there too. Her hope is that this is the beginning of a restoration project and perhaps we can make other improvements on the Eastern part of the bike path with maybe additional COVID funds that could come down the pike. She addressed why this amount of money. She reached out to a company that does this type of improvement in terms of loam and the beautification and just the landscape portion of it being approximately 3’ wide and 3’ deep, it was approximately \$130,000 - \$250,000 depending on the scope of the improvements that we do. If we do pavement repair, the approximate cost of that repair would be approximately \$1 – 1.2 million. That would be removing the existing pavement and replacing it with a better grade. Grant funding is available for this to help out as well. It is a stamp on our City. The better that bike path looks, the better we look as a City. We also have the potential for an adopt a spot.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

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On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to amend the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget to use Western Cranston Impact Fees for bike path beautification and restoration by adding \$167,834 and \$100,000 in COVID funding for the bike path.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to amend the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget to use Western Impact Fees for bike path beautification and restoration project by adding \$167,834. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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***RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET AND THE ATTACHED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND, THE SEWER FUND, ICE RINK FUND, THE INSURANCE FUND AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 AND ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FOUR SUCCEEDING YEARS***

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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***ORDINANCE MAKING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022***

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF VALUATIONS AND LEVY OF TAXES***

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

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***ORDINANCE FIXING THE DATE WHEN TAXES ARE ASSESSED, AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE AND THE DATE WHEN  
UNPAID TAXES WILL CARRY A PENALTY***

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Reilly, Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas -9.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

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