



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Webinar

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When: May 24, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council meeting

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Youtube Live Stream

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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

Emily Sanita –Citation (No Vote will be taken)

II. 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, May 21, 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 declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Sponsored by Councilwomen Marino, Vargas, Germain and Councilman Donegan. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF MAY 3, 2021 (Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady, Chair)

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

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)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF MAY 13, 2021
(Councilman Matthew R. 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. As amended in Committee 5/13/2021.*
[\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation of May 5, 2021\]](#)
(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

Pandemic Advisory Board:

- *Cynthia Capezza, Sponsored by Councilman Ferri (No vote will be taken)*

Small Business Advisory Board:

- *Steven H. Levy, Sponsored by Councilman Ferri (No vote will be taken)*

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Presentation by the Planning Director (Advancing Policy Ideas)
(Informational only no vote will be taken)

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Donegan:

- *Plastic Bag Ordinance Enforcement Update (No Vote will be taken)*

Councilwoman Marino:

- *Status of the executive session on the DPW's independent study providing the list of priority streets in need of repairs/improvements as specifically referenced by Council Vice President Brady at the Finance Committee meeting on April 12, 2021. (No Vote will be taken)*

Councilwoman Germain:

- *Communication from Police and Fire Chiefs regarding safety concerns. (No Vote will be taken)*

XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

- 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. [\[click to view\]](#) Recommend approval by Committee 4/15/2021 pending Traffic Report. Cont. from 4/26/2021. [\[click to view Traffic Engineer's Report\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*

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 and vote to a committee and for informational purposes.

- 5-21-01** *Ordinance authorizing the City to utilize Western Recreational Impact Fees for the bike path beautification and restoration project. Sponsored by Councilwoman Marino, Councilmen Donegan and Ferri. Finance Committee 6/7/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-02** *Ordinance authorizing the City to apply Eastern and Western Police Impact Fees towards rent. Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Finance Committee 6/7/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-03** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations” (Fireworks Vendors). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Finance Committee 6/7/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-04** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 13.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled Public Services -Sewer Service System”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Ordinance Committee 6/17/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-05** *Ordinance transferring appropriations and supplemental appropriations amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (4th Quarter Transfers). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Finance Committee 6/7/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

- 5-21-06 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12.260 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – One Way Streets-Enumerated”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Ordinance Committee June 17, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-07 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.08.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Pedestrian Control Signals”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Ordinance Committee June 17, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-08 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12.210 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Through Trucking Prohibited On Certain Streets”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Ordinance Committee June 17, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 5-21-09 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.100 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – No Parking-Between Signs”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Ordinance Committee June 17, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, June 17, 2021

- Property Damage Claim:
 - Gene Blanc from alleged incident on October 6, 2018.
 - Steven O’Connell from alleged incident on September 29, 2020.
 - Christine Nolte from alleged incident in February of 2021.
 - David Brodeur from alleged incident on April 19, 2021.
 - Sydney Achille from alleged incident on April 20, 2021.
 - Nicholas Micheletti from alleged incident on April 30, 2021.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

- 3-21-02 **Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel – Diversity Commission” Sponsored by Councilwomen Marino, Vargas and Germain. Co-sponsored by Council Vice-President Brady and Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) [Mayor’s Disapproval filed 5/7/2021. \[click to view Mayor's Veto Message\]](#) (Vote to Override Mayor’s veto to be taken)**

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

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on June 28, 2021.

Leanne Zarrella, J.D.
City Clerk