

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-APRIL 1, 2021-

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 via Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31P.M. by Council President Paplauskas.

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

Also Present: Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Michael Igoe, City Controller; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst.

-APRIL 1, 2021-



***AMENDED**

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Webinar Meeting

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Apr 1, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Special City Council

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84814351273?pwd=MGFFS28zZVJOMkorMXltRjB3YUxTZz09>

Passcode: 999897

Or One tap mobile :

US: +16465588656,,84814351273#,,,,*999897# or
+13017158592,,84814351273#,,,,*999897#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 9128
or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) or 833 548 0276
(Toll Free) or 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 848 1435 1273

Passcode: 999897

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84814351273?pwd=MGFFS28zZVJOMkorMXltRjB3YUxTZz09>

Note: There will be NO public participation at this meeting.

Agenda and Docketed Matters Before the Council

This special meeting of the Cranston City Council has been called pursuant to Charter for the City of Cranston (hereinafter "Char.") §3.07 by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins and the members of the City Council listed below have been notified as provided for in §3.07: Christopher G. Paplauskas (Council President); Edward J. Brady (Council Vice-President); Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino; Councilman Robert J. Ferri; Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli; Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas; Councilwoman Aniece Germain; Councilman John P. Donegan; Councilman Matthew R. Reilly.

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

-APRIL 1, 2021-

I. 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 for informational purposes. While hearing dates before the appropriate sub-committee have been established, they are subject to change. For current information related to hearing dates, the public is encouraged to consult the “City Calendar” feature on the City’s website at *www.cranstonri.gov

- Pursuant to Char. §6.03 the City Council welcomes Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins to deliver his budget message, and to introduce the City’s operating budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022 as follows:
 - 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. **(No vote to be taken).* * Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
 - Ordinance Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **(No vote to be taken).* *Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
 - Resolution Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, pursuant to Char. §6.11. **(No vote to be taken).* *Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
 - Ordinance Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty. **(No vote to be taken).* * Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
 - Fixing the time and place for public hearings on the Operating and Capital Budgets. **(No vote to be taken).*
- 2022 Budget Hearing Notice – This notice is attached for informational purposes to provide the public with the dates, time and access to the sub-committee meeting at which each department-level budget will be discussed and at which the public will be heard. Hearing dates are subject to change. Please consult the City website (mentioned previously herein) for updated information. **(No vote to be taken)*
- **Adjournment** **(Vote will be taken)*

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 30th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Kenneth J. Hopkins, Mayor

-APRIL 1, 2021-

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, April 1, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar, was hand delivered and delivered via electronic mail on the 30th day of March 2021 to the addresses listed below.

Councilman Robert J. Ferri
2426 Cranston St.
Cranston, RI 02920
Robferri2426@gmail.com

Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
799 Natick Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
marinoforcranston@gmail.com

Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
54 Massachusetts St.
Cranston, RI 02920
nicoleforcranston@gmail.com

Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas
35 Betsey Williams Dr.
Cranston, RI 02910
Lammis.vargas@gmail.com

Councilwoman Aniece Germain
63 Dale Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910
Aniecegermain2@gmail.com

Councilman John P. Donegan
60 Packard St.
Cranston, RI 02910
JohnDoneganForCranston@gmail.com

Councilman Matthew R. Reilly
27 Dellwood Rd.
Cranston, RI 02920
mreillyesq@gmail.com

Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady
12 Thunder Trail
Cranston, RI 02921
Brady4cranston@gmail.com

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas
14 Highland St.
Cranston, RI 02920
chrispaplauskas@gmail.com

/s/ Cranston Patrol Officer Rebecca Neri

-APRIL 1, 2021-

Council President Paplauskas welcomed Mayor Hopkins to give his first Budget address.

Mayor Hopkins presented his budget address for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

******(See Copy of Mayor's budget address attached).*

- 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. Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
- Ordinance Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
- Resolution Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, pursuant to Char. §6.11. Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.
- Ordinance Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty. Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to refer the above matters to Special Finance Committee meetings on April 3, 7, 8, 12, 21 and 26, 2021. 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.

Council President Paplauskas stated that the budget will be posted online shortly and the City Council members can pick up their budget binders at City Hall starting tomorrow. He also stated that the first budget hearings will be this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. He asked that everyone refer to the City calendar for dates and times.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to adjourn the meeting. 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.

******(See copy of schedule attached).*

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

/s/ Leanne Zarrella
City Clerk

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