



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting of the City Council will be held **in the City of Cranston Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov

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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*)
- **Pledge of Allegiance** (*No votes taken*)
- Meeting **minutes** from 11/22/2021 and 12/20/2021 (*Vote will be taken*)

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Congratulating Robert Strom, Director of Finance on his retirement

Congratulating Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works on his retirement

St. Mary's Middle School Boys Basketball Team

St. Mary's Girls Grammar Team

St. Mary's Girls Instructional Basketball Team

CLCF Junior Basketball Championship Team

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 XII 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 25, 2022). 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 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

None.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri, Chair)

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

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

2-22-01 **Ordinance ratifying School Committee’s Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rhode Island Laborers District Council 1322, Tradespeople/Mechanic Unit.**
Introduced pursuant to Charter Sect. 11.02.1. [\[click to view\]](#)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
(Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

3-22-01S **Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, establishing Section 2.04.090, entitled “Ward Boundaries” (Enacting the City of Cranston’s 2022 Ward Redistricting Plan).** (Vote will be taken). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#)

Resolution memorializing the General Assembly to enact the City of Cranston’s 2022 Ward Redistricting Plan into Law. (Vote will be taken). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Small Business Advisory Committee:

- **Julie Meisner for term to expire January 2, 2023.** Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. (Informational only no vote will be taken)

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal fees report from 7/1/21-3/28/22 [\[click to view\]](#) (Informational only no vote will be taken)

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President Ferri:

- *Explanation and update on Cranston Workforce Solutions. What does the Department do and how does the Council and the Citizens of Cranston access its available resources?*

Councilwoman Marino:

- *Status of the City's acknowledgement and approval signature of the Baseline Documentation Report for the Knight Conservation Land as overseen by the West Bay Land Trust.*

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 and vote to a committee and for informational purposes.

3-22-01 *Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rhode Island Laborers District Council 1322, Bus Drivers Unit. Introduced pursuant to: Charter Sec. 11.02.1. Referred to Finance Committee April 4, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

3-22-02 *Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 (Administration Position Changes – Finance Director – General Fund). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Special Finance Committee April 6, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

3-22-03 *Ordinance transferring appropriations and amending the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 (Administration Position Changes – Public Works Director – General Fund). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Special Finance Committee April 14, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Resolution "FY 2023 State Budget allocation for funding Cranston's Public Libraries". Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas and Council Minority Leader Donegan. Referred to Finance Committee April 4, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)

Advice and Consent of Mayor's appointment of Richard Bernardo as Director of Public Works. Referred to Special Finance Committee April 14, 2022.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Glen Rd. Referred to Public Works Committee April 14, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)

Claims Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, April 14, 2022.

- *Property Damage Claim:*
 - *William Connolly from an alleged incident on unknown date of January, 2022.*
 - *Pentagon Properties from an alleged incident on January 7, 2022.*
 - *Elizabeth Martinelli from an alleged incident on January 22, 2022.*
 - *Anthony DeFusco from an alleged incident on February 2, 2022.*
 - *Joe Andrade from an alleged incident on February 4, 2022.*
 - *Cathy DiRaimo from an alleged incident on February 13, 2022.*
 - *Susannah Schutt from an alleged incident on February 14, 2022.*
 - *Gail Washington from an alleged incident on February 25, 2022.*
 - *Michael Amaral from an alleged incident on February 25, 2022.*
 - *Maria Coelho from an alleged incident on February 25, 2022.*
 - *Charles Casale from an alleged incident on February 25, 2022.*
 - *Julie Meisler from an alleged incident on February 25, 2022.*
 - *Carmen Pierce from an alleged incident on February 27, 2022.*
 - *Kapilevich Tzipporah from an alleged incident on March 3, 2022.*

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 25, 2022.

Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk