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## **CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET**

**Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding**

***MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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](http://www.cranstonri.gov) and Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ri.gov](http://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** of the last meeting (*Vote will be taken*)

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

None.

## **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, April 22, 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**

***Resolution Supporting RI Senate Bill S-2341 and RI House Bill H-7834 Concerning Sidewalk Maintenance. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (Vote will be taken)***  
[\[click to view\]](#)

***Resolution Supporting Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Ferri. (Vote will be taken)*** [\[click to view\]](#)

## **IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

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

***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. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote to be taken)***

***Resolution “FY 2023 State Budget allocation for funding Cranston’s Public Libraries”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas and Councilman Donegan. Co-sponsored by Councilwomen Germain, Vargas, Marino, Renzulli, Councilmen Reilly and Campopiano. (Vote will be taken)***  
[\[click to view\]](#)

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

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

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

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

***Advice and Consent of Mayor’s appointment of Richard Bernardo as Director of Public Works.***  
(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**

None.

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

- ***Results of online ARPA survey (Director ed Garcia) (No votes taken)***  
[\[click to view ARPA Survey Questions\]](#)  
[\[click to view ARPA Survey Results\]](#)

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

***Advice and Consent of re-appointment of John Wiggins as a member of the Conservation Commission for term to expire on October 22, 2024. (Vote will be taken)***

***Request to be continued in service for one year Detective Lieutenant Stephen Brooks, Cranston Police Department. (Votes will be taken)***

***Request to be continued in service for one year Chief James Warren, Cranston Police Department. (Votes will be taken)***

## **IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

- *Additional Funding for Rhode Island Tree Council (No votes taken)*
- *Funding for one cross alert system for bike path (No votes taken)*

## **X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Council Vice-President Ferri:**

- *Explanation and update on Cranston Workforce Solutions. What does the Department do and how do the citizens and businesses of Cranston City Council access its available resources. (No votes taken)*

### **Councilwoman Vargas:**

- *Public Nuisance Task Force (No votes taken)*
- *City of Cranston Boards and Commissions (No votes taken)*

### **\*Councilwoman Marino:**

- *Budlong pool status of opening (No votes taken)*

### **Councilman Donegan:**

- *Agreement with Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau (No votes taken)*
- *Plastic Bag Ordinance Enforcement (No votes taken)*

## **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.

**4-22-01**      *Ord. (Poplar Dr.). Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

**4-22-02**      *Ord. (West Blue Ridge/Freehold/Summit.). Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

**4-22-03**      *Ord. (Freehold/Summit/West Blue Ridge/Belvedere). Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

**4-22-04**      *Ord. amending Comp. Plan (Legion Bowl). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins Referred to Ordinance Committee June 16, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

- 4-22-05 **Ord. Zone Change (Legion Bowl). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins Referred to Ordinance Committee June 16, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-06 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12.250 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Crosswalks Enumerated”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-07 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.108 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Zoning Board of Review). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Ordinance Committee June 16, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-08 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 870 Oaklawn Ave.). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Referred to Ordinance Committee June 16, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-09 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 8.16 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Littering”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-10 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Multi-Way Stop Intersections-Enumerated” (Frankfort St. and Pleasant St.). Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 4-22-11 **Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.72.010 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning – Signs”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**

**Resolution proposing amendment to Section 2.03 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and directing the Secretary of State to place on the ballot the following question as a Referendum Question (Ward Redistricting). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Referred to Ordinance Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**

**Request from National Grid for pole location at Scituate Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee May 12, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)**

**Claims Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, May 12, 2022.**

- **Property Damage Claim:**
  - **Edward Brady from alleged incident on February 25, 2022.**
  - **Lucy Ragosta from alleged incident on February 25, 2022.**
  - **Eleanore Ignacio from alleged incident on April 9, 2022.**

- **Personal Injury Claim:**
  - *Ronald Ursillo from alleged incident on March 3, 2022.*
  - *Vicismael Reynoso, Chelsea Ann Mendez, Cristofer Martinez Abad and Victor Reynoso from alleged incident on March 29, 2022.*

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

**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. [\[click to view\]](#) Tabled 4/7/2022 Special City Council (Vote to be taken)*

*Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(4) – Job Performance and Investigative Proceedings 0- Sean Holley, Cranston Director of Providence/Cranston Work Force Development Partnership*

**And R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining Negotiations: IAFF Firefighters 1363 for years 2022-2025.**

*Vote to be taken to go into Executive Session*

*Vote to be taken to Come out of Executive Session*

*Votes taken in Executive Session reported out in Public Session.*

*Vote to be taken to seal minutes of Executive Session.*

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

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on May 23, 2022.

**Rosalba Zanni**  
Acting City Clerk