



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 Committee

- **Call to order** by the Chair: committee member attendance taken (*No Vote will be taken*)
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes** (*Vote to be taken*)

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

- **Additional Funding for Rhode Island Tree Council. Council President Paplauskas. Cont. from 5/2/2022.** (*No votes taken*)
- **Funding for one cross alert system for bike path. Council President Paplauskas. Cont. from 5/2/2022.** (*No votes taken*)

II. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS* and/or NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

*Public hearings are limited to the subject matter of docketed matters only. Written testimony is accepted and may be submitted via email to this sub-committee of 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 committee meeting. All such written testimony shall include the name of the person or entity offering testimony, their home address, and it shall be signed and dated. All submissions shall be provided to committee members by the City Clerk before the meeting and the record shall be so noted. (*Vote will be taken to accept written testimony and to place it on the record*)

For meetings occurring via a collaboration platform (i.e. Zoom), those members of the public then present in the audience who wish to testify are invited to do so by calling in to the meeting at 1-888-788-0099 or by appearing on the screen.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Vargas:

- **Johnson & Wales University Aid** (*No votes taken*)
- **Real Estate Tax Abatements (Amended list from April)** (*Vote to be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

- **Real Estate Tax Abatements (June List)** (Vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)
- **Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements** (Vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)
- **Tax Interest Waiver Approvals** (Vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Councilwoman Marino

1. **Internal Service Fund** (claims/hospitalization/medical) - plans and options of insurance with a third party collaborative organization; option of increasing percentage of employee contribution which is currently at 20%.
2. **Budlong Pool** - Firm that conducted the feasibility study report-, Federal Hill Group, LLC Architects - how were they chosen? Who are the owners/members and who specifically prepared the report? Specific cost and specific department and line item being used for payment. What is the actual plan to open the pool, and status of planning commission approval for a capital improvement project.
3. **Park Place Theater** - production and terms of prior owners' contract with the city and the new owners' contract with the city; production of the insurance binder and policy of insurance.

Council Vice-President Ferri

1. **Financial Plan** - What is the actual plan to alleviate the structural deficit?
 2. **ARPA Funds** - Specific Itemized expense accounting of ARPA funds that have been spent to date. Exactly how much is remaining in the ARPA Fund account? What are the U.S. Department of Treasury's reporting requirements for the city's use/expenditure of the ARPA Funds?
 3. **Finance Director** - plans and status of hiring for this position.
- **Adjournment** (Vote to be taken)