



# CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Monthly Meeting

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## AGENDA

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM. in the Cranston City Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910** for the purpose of conducting the items of business appearing on the docket.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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## *Youtube Live Stream*

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (*vote may be taken*)

Approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)

### **V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**Citations of Congratulations** to the 12-year-old Cranston West Little League Softball, State Champions

**Citations of Congratulations** to the 14-year-old Babe Ruth League of Rhode Island, State Champions

### **VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Votes may be taken*)

Public hearings are limited to docketed subject matters. Public comment may be permitted and will be subject to time limitations. Such hearings and comments do not include the introduction of new matters before the Council (see Section XVI 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. All such written comments will be identified by name, address, date, and shall be provided to council members before the meeting and the record shall be so noted.

*(Vote may 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.

### **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

## **VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held July 3, 2023

1. Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Approvals** (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report of the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held July 13, 2023

**2-23-03 ORDINANCE** in amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Buildings and Construction” (Poles Relocation). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; Amended in committee 03/16/2023 & 07/13/2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** Special Meeting held July 24, 2023

**4-23-01 ORDINANCE** in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 0 Bedson Road, AP 4, Lots 2606-2609). Sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas (*vote may be taken*) [\[Click to view Ordinance\]](#) [\[Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE:** July, 2023 claims paid (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS**

*Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for UNDOCKETED items only. Speaker to state name and address clearly for the record. Comments to be limited to four minutes.*

## **X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

*None*

## **XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*None*

## **XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Consideration of Request from Detective Anthony Massimino for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Police Dept. for the period of September 4, 2023 to September 4, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Legal Expense Analysis for the periods of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 - July 18, 2023 (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. From Planning Director, Jason Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (*no vote*)

### **XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Fire Department Stations – status of necessary repairs and maintenance
2. Update on school building projects - construction and funding
3. Status on hiring of Municipal Court Clerk

### **XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

1. From Councilman Donegan: Exploration of Liability Policy for the City
2. From Councilman Donegan: Update on Comprehensive Plan
3. From Council Vice-President Vargas: Update on Comprehensive Plan Account
4. From Council Vice President Vargas: Update on Cranston Planning Dept. - hiring new budgeted position
5. From Councilwoman Germain: Budlong Pool - request for project plan; repair of current pool; construction of new pool; size; timeline for groundbreaking
6. From Councilwoman Renzulli: Update on Learn365RI Funding

### **XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER** *(Votes may be taken)* *None*

### **XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS** *(Votes may be taken)*

*\* New Business items are listed for reference and for a vote to be referred to the appropriate Council sub-committee for public hearing*

**7-23-01 ORDINANCE** Authorizing the City to utilize Eastern Cranston Police Department Impact Fees and Western Cranston Police Department Impact Fees towards Police Rent; sponsored by Councilman Donegan; referred to Finance Committee meeting of August 7, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Officially naming the City of Cranston Park located at the intersection of Cranston Street, Park avenue, and Phenix Avenue "**Itri Park**"; sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; referred to Ordinance Committee meeting of August 17, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England for installation of new pole on Wilbur Ave.; to be referred to Public Works Committee meeting of August 17, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England for installation of new pole on Harmony St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee meeting of August 17, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England for installation of new pole and new conduit on Macklin St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee meeting of August 17, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**CLAIMS** to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of August 7, 2023 as follows:  
(*vote may be taken*)

| <b><u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u></b> | <b><u>CLAIMANT</u></b> | <b><u>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Property Damage             | Ann Marie Gong         | 01/31/2023                             |
| Property Damage             | Michael J. McGiveron   | 02/08/2023                             |
| Property Damage             | Felix Rodolfo          | 07/06/2023                             |
| Property Damage             | Garabed Tashian        | 06/17/2023                             |

**XVII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

*None*

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT** (*vote may be taken*)

*Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, on the city's website, at Cranston City Hall and at the Cranston Library on July 20, 2023*