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REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meeting of the City Council was called held on Monday, June 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

Absent: Councilman Reilly -1.

Also Present: Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Mike Igoe, Acting Finance Director/City Controller; Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst.

On motion by Council Vice-President Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CRANSTON WEST GIRLS TRACK TEAM – CLASS A CHAMPIONS

Councilwoman Renzulli presented Citations to the members of the team.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Zawislak, 181 Hopkins Hill Rd., Coventry, appeared to speak, on behalf of her niece, in favor of proposed Ordinance 4-22-02 and stated that she is speaking specifically regarding crosswalks at minimum at the intersection of Intervale and Aqueduct Rd., which is where her sister was struck and killed on March 25, 2021 and indicated that there are no crosswalks there. She also presented pictures and a statement for the record.

Robert Murray, Esq., 21 Garden City Dr., appeared to speak regarding the item under Council Member Communications in regards to Net Metering Contract. He stated that he realizes that the item is addressed to the Solicitor’s Office, but he would like to update the City Council and public since his letter to the Council of April 25, 2022. He stated that in January of 2022, the City pursued a virtual net metering arrangement through an RFP process coordinated through the Board of Contract and Purchase. Proposals were received from eight respondents and opened at a public meeting. The City then engaged an independent consultant to review and comment on the bids. Revity Energy’s proposal was selected and on November 5, 2020, a net metering financing agreement was signed with the City.

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It had a planned initial operation date of or before March 31, 2022 with an extremely attractive discount rate of 32.5%. There has been some delay in the start of construction, but Cranston will still receive the full 25-year net metering credit discount value, the expected building permit fees and real estate and tangible personal property taxes. Revity has been very diligent and has made significant financial and time commitments to the development ultimate approval of the so-called Natick Ave. Solar Project. Revity's efforts to build this project have been set back for over two years by incurring significant delays in the City approval process by project opponents, by Court appeals from abutting property owners and the delay in the approval by the Public Works Committee of standard utility pole locations requested by National Grid on Natick Ave. All such delays are largely, if not, entirely outside Revity's control, but for those delays, the project would be built and operating at this time with the City enjoying the financial benefits of the net metering discount. Revity chose to expeditiously complete the permitting process while incurring hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs with National Grid, D.E.M. and various project consultants at significant risk to advance the project in the timeliest manner. Revity received Master Plan approval from the Planning Commission on February 15, 2019 and appealed by objectors to the Planning Board, which was rejected and then appealed to the Providence County Superior Court. That appeal was recently sent back to the Planning Commission to allow for limited public comment on a site plan that was further refined to account for approximately 500 panels out of 15,000 solar panels that would be relocated based on a request of the Planning Commission to accommodate an abutter. The substance site plans that have been approved offered for much other public comment at later stages of the approval process. While that Master Plan appeal was pending, Revity applied for and obtained D.E.M. permit. On November 18, 2020, approval from the Development Plan Review Committee was approved and was obtained from the Planning Commission. Another appeal to the Planning Board by the neighbors again unanimously rejected and then to Superior Court in November of 2021. That appeal is spending and has been assigned to a Judge for decision. Revity continued to obtain final approval of the Natick Ave. project on January 14 of this year. Another appeal was filed with the Planning Board on May 11, the Planning Board again rejected the last appeal the objective as they were entitled to and then filed another appeal in Superior Court three weeks ago on June 6. Revity has continued to diligently try and bring the Natick Ave. project online. On January 14, 2021, Revity made a payment of \$100,000 to the City towards the Cranston West Athletic Complex, as provided for in the Net Metering contract. Revity has been working with City officials to explore other opportunities for the City while the Court appeals take their course. To assist the Administration, in April, Revity agreed to waive the exclusivity of their contract to see if other potential partners may be able to provide some financial assistance in the interim months. One current benefit that Revity is delivering to the City is an opportunity with the City of Providence – Revity bid on an RFP for some excess net metering credits with the intention of providing those electric savings to Cranston at discount rate bid by Revity and awarded by the City of Providence for 25%. The City will be allocated approximately \$450,000 of net metering credits. It will receive a financial benefit in electric bill savings of approximately \$112,500. The existing Cranston 25-year net metering credit agreement is not impaired in any way by this agreement with Providence. On April 6, 2022, an amendment to the net metering agreement allowed the City to be introduced to other net metering opportunities with Revity's operation while the Court matters are resolved before the operation date commences. Cranston has not lost any money because of the delays in the planned operation date for Natick Ave. Savings were not expected until sometime this year and Cranston benefits will be enhanced in the short-term by at least \$112,500 through Revity's efforts, most importantly, the full 25-year net metering credit discount. They are working with City officials to implement the net metering contract which provides great savings to the City and has great value to his clients. Mr. Ralph Palumbo, President of Revity Energy is present this evening and will be happy to answer any questions.

William Moretti, 298 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 5-22-01 and stated that he has issues with roosters in his neighborhood. He stated that his neighborhood is heavily residential and the annoyance of roosters two houses down is very disturbing. He asked that the City Council consider passing this Ordinance.

Anthony Paolino, 450 Pippin Orchard Rd., appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 5-22-01 and stated that he has appeared before this Council at least three or four times regarding roosters crowing at all times of the day and night especially very early in the morning and asked that the Ordinance be passed for the sake of everyone involved.

Richard Narocki, 59 Bryant Rd., appeared to speak in favor of proposed Ordinance 5-22-01.

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III. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Vargas stated that the last four years we have had the raising of the Pride Flag in the City of Cranston where we recognize the month of June as Pride Month and where we encourage all citizens to celebrate Pride Month. She thanked those that were there in spirit and those that attended as well as the Administration and the Council Members who have co-sponsored this Resolution. She stated that she shared a personal story a few weeks ago and stated that the City of Cranston is a welcoming City and where we continue to welcome everyone regardless of their gender identity. Her daughter came out not too long ago and she obviously embraced that and takes this near and dear to her heart to make sure that we welcome everyone here not only in our beautiful City, but in our great State and in our Country. She hopes that we continue to embrace everyone based on who they are and how they identify themselves and no one should be discriminated based on their character or their gender identity.

Councilman Donegan thanked Councilwoman Vargas for opening up to everyone and bringing her family into this and for her work over the past few years to ensure that we visually represent that here at City Hall.

Councilwoman Renzulli thanked Councilwoman Vargas for organizing such a special event every year and inviting the community to come and share what pride means for them. She also stated that she would like to be added as co-sponsor of this Resolution.

Councilwoman Marino thanked Councilwoman Vargas for her diligence and her dedication and devotion to this topic which is near and dear to her heart. She asked to be added as co-sponsor of this Resolution.

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that this is something that is very near and dear to his heart. His brother, Frank Ferri, was a State Representative for seven years and was the first official gay marriage in Rhode Island and he championed the Gay Marriage Bill in Rhode Island and both of his children are gay and they are both married. He commended Councilwoman Vargas for bringing it to everyone's attention every year. It is very important and it is appreciated

Councilwoman Germain thanked Councilwoman Vargas and stated that coming from Haiti, this is a topic that is a taboo in Haiti. They have people that have died, they are beaten for just coming out and, still in our society, this is still as a taboo in our community so giving her the opportunity to share that moment and to be a support of all those who are showing who we are without fear and that is why we need to continue to work hard to make sure those rights will not be taken away because a lot of us still are suffering about acceptations and tolerance. She thanked Councilwoman Vargas for her openness and for showing everyone that we can't be afraid to show who we are and she would love to be added as co-sponsor of this Resolution.

Councilman Campopiano thanked Councilwoman Vargas for doing this. He apologized for not being able to attend the event, but next year, he looks forward to being there and would be happy to co-sponsor this Resolution.

Councilwoman Vargas thanked the Police Department who were there as well as the Fire Department to show their support along with the Council Members and the community leaders and the Administration, the Mayor and the Cranston Herald for covering the event as well.

Council President Paplauskas thanked Councilwoman Vargas for putting this event together and for sharing her personal story.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

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IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS (Amended list from April)

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS

On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilman Donegan, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS

On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to approve the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

6-22-01S *ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, REPAIR AND ALTERATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR*

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Donegan stated that there were some amendments made and he asked if those were considered and were they considered as scrivener's errors. Mr. Igoe stated that the corrections have been implemented on the documents before the City Council tonight.

Councilman Donegan asked if there are any specifics that are in mind for this and would there be opportunities to leverage the already approved climate Bond that passed at the last Election to improve public buildings, but also do so in a way that is more energy efficient in the City. Mr. Igoe stated that there is no question to use the \$5 million authority that was passed in the last Election for energy efficiency within the four Ordinances in front of you tonight.

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Councilman Donegan stated that what he is asking is rather than bonding for an additional or approving an additional \$3 million, could we use the \$5 million that was already approved to do some of the things that you might have in mind for this \$3 million? Mr. Igoe stated that he believes the authorization of what the Bond, the intent of the Bond would be different than for the energy one versus the building improvement one.

Councilwoman Vargas asked if the \$3 million will be used for school buildings. Mr. Igoe stated that there is a whole separate category for school construction. This is just public buildings on the City side.

Councilwoman Marino asked what bond funds are available currently to borrow from the specific category. Mr. Igoe stated that for the public building fund, there is \$331,000 still available to bond from. Councilwoman Marino asked if there are any specific projects that the Administration has in mind. Mr. Igoe stated just what was passed through the Capital Projects process.

Director Moretti stated that the Administration would like approval so the voters can make the decision to have the opportunity to go out to bond on this. That does not authorize the spending. The spending would have to go through the Planning Commission approval and recommend to the Administration to recommend to the City Council so the Council has another bite at the apple on this and that would be the final authorization and even at that point, it would not even necessarily mean it is going to be spent. That just means the money would be authorized. When it comes to the buildings, three could be a repair that happens this evening that could require half a million dollars or a million dollars. Nowadays, it does not go as far as it once did and we do not want to run out of money. Another thing that came to mind since the Finance Committee meeting, the Governor today announced that there is some matching funds that seem to be available. This is just a thought that possibly the State is looking to partner with various municipalities for the possible construction, acquisition, renovation of facilities for as a community centers for education, health and those types of things for job creation so without that money, we do not even have the opportunity to bid should it be prudent that we receive matching funds. He thinks for all those reasons, is why the Administration is asking for City Council approval on this this evening.

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that this \$3 million is part of four bonds that we are faced with this evening, which total \$12.5 million and, as he stated at the Finance Committee meeting, he does not think based on the current financial climate in Cranston and based on the fact that we do not have a solid plan to straighten out our finances, he does not think that we should be borrowing any money at this time or even approving the fact that the money might be used down the road so he will not be approving this or any of the bonds tonight.

Councilwoman Renzulli stated that she would like to make sure she is clear from what Finance Director Igoe stated that if we do not approve this to go on the ballot, we will not have the opportunity other than the \$331,000 left from a prior bond approval so until 2024 that is all we will have. She asked if that is correct. Director Moretti stated that that is correct.

Councilwoman Vargas asked, if this passes and goes on the ballot, is the City anticipating on providing any type of education to the Cranston voters in terms of specifics as to what this actual bond is? Nick Lima, City Registrar, appeared to speak and stated that under State Law, the City is required to have multiple publications of any questions on the ballot that is both bond and Charter questions. The most prominent of those is a voter information mailer that will be sent out in late September early October of this year that goes to all voter households in the City, approximately 31,000 piece mailer. That mailer includes detailed information about each bond that is accordance with Title 17 of the General Laws. We also publish election warrant in the newspaper and we separately have to list each bond and Charter question in the newspaper and advertise the text of the question, which will be published in the Cranston Herald prior to the Election as well. all the same information will be posted on the Canvassing Authority website and packets will be available in the Office.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Vice-President Ferri -1.

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6-22-02S *ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR*

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Vice-President Ferri -1.

6-22-03S *ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, REPAIR, ALTERATION AND EQUIPPING OF PLAYGROUND AND ATHLETIC FIELDS IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR*

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Marino asked how much is available. Mr. Igoe stated that currently for the playgrounds, there is \$455,000 available for additional bonding. Councilwoman Marino asked if that includes prior bond approval by the voters for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Igoe stated that in 2021, there was \$2 million approved by the voters. Councilwoman Marino questioned if everything has been used except for the \$455,000. Mr. Igoe stated that we borrowed it. We have cash on hand of \$1.9 million, but available to all to go out for borrowing again, there is only \$455,000. Councilwoman Marino stated that she has some hesitancy with respect to putting this out for approval to the voters only because the City has ARPA funds available for these types of improvements, acquisitions, etc. and we also have CDBG funds that the City could utilize for this and given the rising interest rates, from what she has been hearing on a national level, the rates will be as high as 5-6% and for several years to come, she is trying to minimize what we do have out there to potentially borrow for the protection of the City as a whole. The other reason why she is hesitant to approve this is that currently, the state of our current parks being locked despite renovations that have occurred, her concern is that we are going to have more parks that are locked and inaccessible because improvements are done so for that reason she is not going to vote in favor of this this evening.

Councilwoman Renzulli asked when this Bond would expire if we went out to Bond for this money. Mr. Igoe stated that there is no expiration date on Bonds. The authorization that you have, once it is approved by the voters, it stays there until it is used or we come back with an Ordinance dissolving the authorization.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilman Donegan and Council President Paplauskas -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwoman Marino, Councilman Campopiano and Council Vice-President Ferri -3.

6-22-04S *ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN ORDER FOR TE CITY OF CRANSTON TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, REPAIR AND ALTERATION OF CITY INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR*

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano and Council President Paplauskas -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Vice-President Ferri -1.

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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

(Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

4-22-02 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Stop Intersections-Enumerated” (West Blue Ridge Rd./Summit Dr./Freehold Ave./Belvedere Dr.)*

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

4-22-03 *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” (Freehold/Summit/West Blue Ridge/Belvedere)*

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

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”*

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Director Moretti stated that this is a very serious situation. The Mayor took a long hard look at this particularly the incident that a tragic accident that occurred, but at the same time, he felt that he wants to do the right thing with the City per protocol, obviously, the Council calls upon the Traffic Engineer to present this report and to delve into that, the Mayor has asked if the Police Department could be represented to voice their professional opinions so the Mayor would like to defer to the two experts or professionals in the subject matter. He stated that Major Robert Quirk is present and asked that he be allowed to represent the Police Department and perhaps the Traffic Engineer.

Major Quirk appeared to speak and stated that as to the traffic survey provided by the Traffic Engineer, he reviewed the report and as far as the Police Department, they are in agreement with the Traffic Engineer and his findings. In the Police Department’s opinion, a crosswalk would not have made a difference in this particular case. At that intersection, there are four stop signs that are in place and after extensive interviews with witnesses, it also backed up from a video from a ring doorbell from a nearby neighbor’s home, all indications are that the operator did come to a complete stop and a witness indicated that the woman did proceed into the roadway and all indications are that the operator once he did come to a complete stop, he then looked to his right and the other vehicle was stopped at the same exact time and motioned for him to go and at that point, that is when he realized that the tragic accident did occur at that point. As far as complaints coming in, he can state that for the seven years as a Major, he is copied on any complaints that come in from a vast majority of complaints that come into City Hall through Constituent Affairs and he is copied on those and prior to his current position, he was the Patrol Captain and that would come directly to him and he is has to think long and hard as far as complaints coming in that particular area on Aqueduct Rd. This is not a high pedestrian cross travel road for people crossing that particular road.

Councilwoman Germain stated that she respects the position of the Administration and the Major as well, but at the same time, she thinks making the Ward safer and having a pro-active position is better than say what could have been done, so what we are doing is proactively taking measures to prevent future fatalities. Having this for the neighborhood is important and it is not to diminish the report, but she thinks that being proactive is more important than say let’s wait to see what is going to happen because we do not know. She urged passage of this Ordinance to make sure we make this neighborhood safer.

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Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

5-22-01 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 6 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Animals”*

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Campopiano stated that he did some research and he called Baffone Poultry Farm and they have 25,000 hens and not one rooster. They are probably the largest poultry farm in Rhode Island and they do not have a rooster. So, if some local farmers or local people want to raise chickens and have eggs, Baffoni can do it with 25,000 hens without a rooster then they certainly can. He believes it comes down to respect to your neighbor. He does not think he is asking much with 150 feet. That is not far. He also called attention to the City Council that just a few weeks ago, we as a Council and he believes it was unanimous, voted to have a local business stop play music a half hour earlier because one resident came out and says that they do not want music played till 11 o'clock so as a Council, he amended, they amended it to 10:30 p.m. This was an event that happened once a year and on the occasion of the 250th anniversary and the Council voted them to end the music a half hour earlier and this was on a Friday night. We are talking about every morning in almost every Ward. We have had people coming up in favor of this Ordinance and not one person from the poultry community came forward to him and said nothing to him. If this passes tonight, he does not think the rooster Police are going to come out tomorrow. Also, he stated that it is not the City's responsibility. It is the responsibility of the resident that has the rooster. Maybe, as a service, we can post on the City's website that there are sanctuaries that the people can place these roosters in. He urged passage of this Ordinance this evening.

Councilwoman Germain stated that at the last meeting, she voted “no” on this Ordinance because she has some reservations and she went home and did some research and made some calls. After reflections, she came tonight to support it, she changed her mind, however, she has a proposed amendment. She proposed the following amendment to add: “No rooster is permitted in residential neighborhood unless the coop and fence is no closer than 150 feet away to the dwelling of any abutter”. Attorney Angell stated that if the proposed amendment is approved by the Council, this Ordinance would need to go back to the Committee and then come back to the City Council because it is a substantial change.

Councilwoman Germain motioned to amend this Ordinance to add the following language: “No rooster is permitted in residential neighborhood unless the coop and fence is no closer than 150 feet away to the dwelling of any abutter”. Councilman Donegan seconded the motion for discussion:

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Germain explained the purpose of the amendment and also addressed the picture shown to her by Councilman Campopiano.

Councilman Campopiano stated that he is not in favor of this amendment for a number of reasons. 1) This is a rooster Ordinance and not anything else; 2) He does not want to keep kicking this can down the road. In his nine months on the Council, he has seen so many things get kicked down the road and they go passed on and on and on. He wants to resolve this whether it passes or it does not, he just wants to see a resolution tonight to give something to the citizens of Cranston to hang their hat on.

Councilwoman Renzulli stated that she is a little confused as to what this amendment is going to do. She asked Councilwoman Germain if this essentially is removing roosters from what we are deeming a residential neighborhood where they can be 150 feet from say A-80. Is this what she is trying to say? Councilwoman Germain stated that this is just to make sure people who already have it in the neighborhood that has 100 feet, they know they can't have it at all and also she would like to have a fine as well as an amendment to this because we have the enforcement and we do not know how if someone is in violation, how that is going to play out. Councilwoman Renzulli stated that originally, when she came with a rooster Ordinance, it was to remove roosters from anywhere that was not covered by the Right to Farm Act. That did not go anywhere. Then, it was lots smaller than A-80, you could still have

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an A-80 and be in a residential neighborhood so that is not going to work considering you need to have agricultural rights. She thinks we are just going backwards now and she agrees with the fine because that is what she started with, but we are not there anymore, so, if we do not move forward, we are going to do this forever.

Councilman Donegan stated that he appreciates the sentiment that Councilwoman Germain is trying to get at, but he does not think that a blanket ban in residential zoned areas would be wise at this time given some of the reasons that some of his colleagues mentioned and given that some of them are allowed agricultural use by our Zoning Code, but also if someone has sufficient land, you know typically it is not going to be in Ward 3, it is not going to be in Ward 2 or any sort of densely populated area, but in a more rural residential Residentially Zoned setting. He will be voting against the amendment.

Councilwoman Vargas echoed Councilman Donegan's opinion. She stated that while she appreciates the amendment Councilwoman Germain made, at least on behalf of Edgewood, we do not have a lot of property that does not have 150 feet. She thinks that this Ordinance would allow already for someone particularly at least for Ward 1 area, to not already have a rooster in place, but an area that is Zoned a farming area that has enough area then it would allow for it. For those reasons, she will not be able to support this amendment.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he thinks this amendment is a great amendment, but he would just like to see this Ordinance passed this evening instead of sending it back to Committee.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend this Ordinance and motion failed on a vote of 1-7. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Germain -1. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -7.

Councilman Donegan stated that he has no problem with the 150 feet rule. It states 150 feet to the dwelling of any abutter. He questioned if we feel that changing "dwelling" to something such as "parcel" that way it is actually a little bit further so it is at the property line and not an abutting structure itself. Councilman Campopiano stated that he made it "dwelling" on purpose because a dwelling is much easier to see than a property line. He tried to make it as simple as possible.

Councilman Donegan stated that in Committee he had asked about the enforcement mechanisms. Currently, it would designate the Building Official, the Building Code Enforcement Officer or their designee to be responsible for enforcement of this. He asked if anyone within the City actually licensed or certified to be able to handle fowl. Director Moretti stated, no, if there is an incident, the Animal Control Officer can do the report and they would have to call D.E.M. to respond. Councilman Donegan stated that besides enforcement, there would also have to be an avenue for appeal. He is not trying to hold this up. If this Ordinance goes forth as written, he will probably vote for it reluctantly, but the enforcement mechanisms are needed.

Council President Paplauskas asked legal if there is a generic section of the Code where any Code violations would be enforced or sent to Municipal Court. Solicitor stated that he does not think there is a provision for generic violations. The Ordinances have their own fine schedule. Something like this is pretty unique and he does not think this would default into any kind of a generic enforcement mechanism, but Councilman Donegan's point is well taken. You can't deprive anyone of their property without due process of law. You have to provide some avenue of appeal. If they disagree with the determination of a Code Enforcement Officer or any other government agent, they have a right to be heard in Court.

Councilwoman Marino stated that she understands about enforcement, but she is inclined to vote in favor of this because it is a step in the right direction. This has been debated to death and the one thing she knows we are all unified on is that roosters do not belong in the condensed densely populated areas of our City and this accomplishes that goal. She thanked Councilman Campopiano for reaching out to Baffoni's Poultry Farm and to his point of them not having a rooster, that is because they are a USDA Commercial bank-based production of poultry. That is the reason why they would not have a rooster.

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Councilwoman Germain motioned to amend this Ordinance by adding the following language. Councilman Donegan seconded the motion for discussion: “Building Officer required to issue a warning for the first violation and issue a fine of \$100 for the second violation.

Under Discussion:

Council President Paplauskas suggested passing this Ordinance as drafted and then a follow-up Ordinance can be drafted for next month with a schedule of fines.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt this Ordinance and motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

5-22-2 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005 entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Traffic Regulations for Specific Streets” (Milton Ave.)*

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UN-DOCKETED ITEMS

Nick Lima, Registrar, appeared to speak and stated that candidate declaration filing period began today statewide. This year, there is a new technology that allows the candidate declarations processed by the Canvassing Office to be seen in real time on the Secretary of State’s website, whose address is vote.ri.gov and there is a link to view candidate filings and as they are entered that is posted on the Secretary of State’s website for the media, public or anyone that wants to see it. He also stated that nomination period begins next week, July 6th and the same rules will apply.

Claire Staudelmauller, 963 Seven Mile Rd., appeared to speak and stated that she would like to bring awareness to an email she sent this afternoon to Council Members, the Mayor and Budget Director Dimaio along with a video.

VI. ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Public Library Board of Trustees:

- ***Re-appointment of Regina Spirito for term ending July 30, 2025.***

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to re-appoint Regina Spirito as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

- ***Re-appointment of Diane Schaefer for term ending July 30, 2025.***

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to re-appoint Diane Schaefer as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal fees report from 7/1/21-5/23/22 (Informational only)

Legal fees report from 7/1/21-6/21/22 (Informational only)

Councilwoman Renzulli asked how this total did with what they were budgeted for and if there are any outstanding bills that might not be in there as well. Mr. Igoe stated that for the current FY2022, \$425,000 was budgeted for that account and we have expended \$390,000. There is still probably some bills still outstanding. Councilwoman Renzulli asked if the Solicitor knows how many there would be. Mr. Igoe stated that, unfortunately, they do not have that information available this evening. That will be part of the monthly reports that the Council receives.

Councilwoman Marino stated that on the agenda and what the Council received are two legal fees reports. They both begin July 1, 2021 and one ends June 21, 2022. She asked if the second report encompasses the first report. Mr. Igoe stated that it seems like the first report was not distributed last month so now you have last month's plus this month and it would be all encompassing. The second report would include all the information from the first one plus whatever came in in June. Councilwoman Marino asked if there is a particular reason why when the Council receives the legal bills it also includes legal expenses from attorneys that are already under the employment of the City and why they are doing both. Solicitor stated that he thinks Solicitor Millea had answered that a few months back. He stated that some of the attorneys are working on what is termed as special projects or special cases. He is handling some himself that go above and beyond the monthly stipend that they receive. Most of those cases involve appeals to Superior Court. Rather than farm those out to the bigger firms who would charge the City considerably more, we keep them inhouse.

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that he thinks that this report is somewhat confusing and it is not easy to understand. It looks like the only time something goes on the report is when a bill has been paid. He asked if that is correct. Mr Igoe stated that this report comes out of the Legal Department. Council Vice-President Ferri stated that he would like to see this be more understandable, more current, more detailed and easier to read. He asked if the Council can see an actual bill, invoices paid, what they were paid for, when they were paid. He stated that he thinks we need to start a discussion on this possibly with the Administration and the Finance Director. Mr. Igoe stated that to be fair, we do not know either. We do not know how many billable hours a firm has or has not billed for. We are just waiting to see what comes in. Council Vice-President Ferri asked Mr. Igoe if he knows what is outstanding. Mr. Igoe stated, no. Council Vice-President Ferri asked what needs to be done to get this information in front of the Council every month so it is understood and know what the real number is every month. Director Moretti stated that as to what is outstanding, we would not know until we receive the bill. We have a sense of what they are working on, but we do not monitor them for the exact hours by the day or by the week. If the Council is not happy with the report, he would suggest it come up with a format that they would like to see the information and the Administration will be happy to provide that.

Council President Paplauskas suggested adding this item as an agenda item before the Finance Committee. He also stated that ever since he has been on the Council, the reports have always been the same way, but anything can be improved.

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that he will add this to the Finance Agenda.

Councilwoman Marino stated that we do not have to reinvent the wheel. We just have to see the actual invoices that the City receives and if the City is not receiving itemized bills, then that is problematic.

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Paplauskas wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Council President Paplauskas reminded everyone that there is to be no campaigning behind the rail in the Chambers.

Attorney Angell stated that there should be no campaign paraphenelia should not be on the floor of the Chambers. This is a violation of State Election Law and no electioneering in this room.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Donegan:

- *Opioid Litigation Settlement.*

Councilman Donegan stated that some of the questions regarding this item were answered via email, but for the public record, he asked Mr. Igoe if it's correct that the City is receiving approximately \$400,000. Mr. Igoe stated, yes, that is correct. We previously received \$449,556 in the beginning of June. Councilman Donegan asked if that money is in a separate account. Mr. Igoe stated that that is correct. Councilman Donegan asked what the process is for authorization of expending these funds and does it go through the same budget process as we would have or a supplemental budget. Mr. Igoe stated that it is basically left to the Police and Fire Departments, who has charge of this money. He also stated that he sent a copy today to the City Council of a list of what these funds could be used for. It is basically prevention or helping people that have the opioid issue. Councilman Donegan asked how is it that the City Council does not have any sort of say over authorization. Mr. Igoe stated that this settlement would be included as a special revenue. It is not part of the operations of the City so it goes into a separate fund. It is its own separate bank account and through that, it is under the control of the Police and Fire Departments. Councilman Donegan asked if there are any other funds in a similar circumstance in a similar fund where the City Council might not have seen that. Mr. Igoe stated that basically, ARPA money is the same way. We have it in a separate fund. He also stated that he knows there was an Ordinance passed by the City Council where ARPA funds have to be approved first by the City Council, but other than that, no. Councilman Donegan stated that in terms of making sure that the respective departments spend them in a manner that is consistent with the allowed uses, he asked who will provide oversight of that. Mr. Igoe stated that it would probably be left to the Police Chief and Fire Chief. They are the most knowledgeable and familiar with the circumstances of how it is to be used. Councilman Donegan asked that going forward, money that is spent out of that account be sent to the City Council on a monthly or quarterly update at the Finance Committee. Mr. Igoe stated, absolutely.

Councilwoman Marino:

- *Discussion and information regarding the amount of the restrictions and the use of opioid settlement proceeds received by the City of Cranston as part of the state of RI's recent settlement in the national opioid litigation.*

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- *Discussion and information regarding the contract and terms of the sale of the Cranston Dome Ice Rink (i.e. The Bubble) and any other city property, and the use of the proceeds from that sale.*

Councilwoman Marino stated that it has come to her attention that the Dome Ice Rink was sold by the City to a hockey foundation in Upstate New York and that sale took place around between late April or early May. She asked for details from the Administration with respect to that sale. Mr. Igoe stated that the Bubble Rink was put out to bid for sale in May of this year. Bids were due back on May 18th and opened at the June 7th meeting. There was one bidder and they were successful in obtaining the bid. Their name is Platonic Hockey Foundation. The bid went through BOCAP and they were awarded the bid and there were two checks that we received. There was an initial down payment of \$45,150 and then final payment was made on April 26th for \$406,350. Councilwoman Marino asked what the sale involved. Mr. Igoe stated that the terms and conditions were the Dome Rink itself, all doors and all hardware, including garage doors and all hardware for doors. The second item was lighting, battery packs, exit lights, fire alarms, lights, including all hardware. The third item was a 200x85 boards and glass plus penalty box and payer benches and all hardware included. The fourth item was a scoreboard with controls with all hardware included. The fifth item was power boards including heat control and pressure gauge. The sixth item was all items pertaining to the refrigeration system, pipes and compressor system including all hardware. The seventh item was an air handler and all hardware.

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The eighth item was all of these items above our package deal all or nothing and the last condition of the sale was that the buyer was responsible for shipping the Dome Rink. Councilwoman Marino asked if we know when anticipated completion date is to have the dome removed. Mr. Igoe stated that he is not sure.

Councilwoman Marino asked if there is any other City property that has been sold this year. Mr. Igoe stated that each year we go through a process where the Fleet Manager provides a list of items that are obsolete or are no longer useful and we give those to the Purchasing Agent and those items, which are called scrap sale, are sold and the proceeds from those items go into the General Fund within a line item in the Purchasing Department Budget for revenues.

Councilwoman Marino asked if the City Assessor appraised the value of the Dome Rink before the sale or before it went out to bid. Mr. Igoe stated that he does not. Councilwoman Marino stated that she believes that that is a requirement in the Charter. Mr. Igoe stated that he believes that that is just for property. This is more of equipment because it is a portable piece of structure. It is not like a building or Real Estate, it is just a piece of equipment. Councilwoman Marino stated that in terms of something of that size and value, she is curious as to whether or not that would have went through the effort given that it is not a small truck that we would be selling, it is a Dome Rink so it would have been prudent. Mr. Igoe stated that he believes that the Purchasing Agent told him that we go more then we actually paid for it originally because of the fact that prices have gone up. Councilwoman Marino asked if the proceeds from the sale went right back into the fund for the Ice Rink given that we have the remaining Ice Rink. Mr. Igoe stated that that is correct.

- ***Park Place Theater- status of the production of the new owners' contract with the city and production of the policy of insurance.***

Director Moretti stated that there is not a new contract. The existing contract that the Park Theatre had with the City from 2017, it was assigned to the new owners in terms of the parking lot. As to the Certificate of Insurance with the City and School Department named as additional insurer, it was given to the City Clerk and we have that.

Councilwoman Marino stated that in terms of proof of new owners, what entity and or persons or the new owners, she asked if the City received anything along those lines. Director Moretti stated that the Certificate of Insurance has the Park Ave. Theatre Realty as the insured LLC. Councilwoman Marino stated that her understanding is there are numerous businesses within the Park Place Theatre that are utilizing the parking lot as well. She asked if that is correct. Director Moretti stated that he does not know for sure, but it is the realty company who owns the Park so are those individual business entities using the available parking, yes, he thinks it falls underneath the Park Ave Theatre Realty. Councilwoman Marino stated that it would be beneficial if there was an Executive Session held on this subject of the insurance because it goes beyond just the one company and it is something that we should discuss in more detail in Executive Session and with the Solicitor present so she asked that this be placed on the Finance Committee agenda.

- ***Status and the plans for the hiring of the City's Finance Director position.***

Councilwoman Marino stated that this is more of a placeholder. It was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. She saw that there had been additional job postings on additional sources for this position. She asked if this is correct. Director Moretti stated, yes, it is posted on indeed.com, the City website, the League of Cities and Towns website and then continuation of networking to try to recruit. Councilwoman Marino asked if there have been any applicants. Director Moretti stated, zero.

- ***RIPTA Beach Bus Summer 2022 services update.***

Councilwoman Marino stated that the State RIPTA bus will be having a beach bus that will stop by Cranston City Hall on the weekends. If people go to RIPTA's website, it will provide details as well. It is not the Budlong Pool, but it is something.

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- *Possible amendments to the City's Charter regarding approval of the City's operating budget.*

Councilwoman Marino stated that no one was pleased with the past budget process. The current Charter is such that if the Council votes the budget down, then it defaults to the Mayor's budget. There has been some talk of possibly amending the Charter that so perhaps it would revert to a level funding, which is one of the more common Charter provisions in other cities and towns. The issue that we have is that we are under the gun in terms of timeline in terms of getting it on the ballot and maybe Director Lima would like to speak on that just to give everyone a little education on that.

Director Lima stated that the State deadline for submission of ballot questions in their final form is August 10th. There is a Board of Canvassers meeting scheduled, but not yet posted, for July 28th. The July City Council meeting is July 25th. That would give his Office approximately 48 hours to get that meeting posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Councilwoman Marino stated that given the time constraints, as much as she would love to pass a Resolution to propose a change in the Charter so that the City's operations budget defaults to the prior Fiscal Year's budget with the exceptions carved out for debts due to bonds etc. like some other cities and towns have.

Council Vice-President Ferri:

- *Explanation from the Solicitor's Office on the status of the Net Metering Contract between the City and Revity Energy. (Dates, Participants, Benefits to the City, Discount Rate etc.)*

Councilwoman Marino recused from any discussion on this topic since she is an appellant in a pending litigation in addition to at least fifteen other people with respect to a project that involves Revity Energy.

Council Vice-President Ferri asked Solicitor Verdecchia if he is prepared to address this item since he noticed Solicitor Millea left the meeting approximately one hour ago. Solicitor Verdecchia stated that he did discuss this briefly with Solicitor Millea. Beyond what Attorney Murray submitted to the Council, he is not prepared at this point to go into or delve into that and he would say that if we are going to delve further into that it should be done in Executive Session because going deeper than what Attorney Murray has already laid out, he thinks it is really getting into nuts and bolts of the litigation.

Council Vice-President Ferri expressed his disappointment of the fact that Solicitor Millea is not present to answer the questions even though it was on the agenda and he asked that this item be tabled.

XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None.

XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL*

6-22-01 *Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cranston Teachers' Alliance, Local 1704, AFT Paraprofessionals Unit (September 1, 2022-August 31, 2025). Introduced pursuant to Charter Section 11.02.1. Referred to Finance Committee July 11, 2022.*

6-22-02 *Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cranston Teachers' Alliance Local 1704, ATF. Introduced pursuant to Charter Section 11.02.1. Referred to Finance Committee July 11, 2022.*

Resolution urging the Council and Administration to use ARPA Fund to repair, renovate and fix Budlong Pool. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Referred to Finance Committee July 11, 2022.

Advice and Consent of Mayor's Appointment of Ernest Tommasiello as Director of Community Development. Referred to Special Finance Committee July 14, 2022.

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Request from National Grid for pole location at Crescent Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee July 14, 2022.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Calef St.. Referred to Public Works Committee July 14, 2022.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Bryant Rd.. Referred to Public Works Committee July 14, 2022.

CLAIMS REFERRED TO CLAIMS COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022.

- **Property Damage Claim:**
 - *Michael Soscia from an alleged incident on unknown date of January, 2022 or February, 2022.*
 - *Jeffrey Butler from alleged incident on March 31, 2022.*
 - *Michelle Vitale from alleged incident on June 14, 2022.*

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to refer the above new business to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilman Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -7. Councilman Donegan was not present for roll call vote.

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.*

No discussion or action taken.

Agreement by and between State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the City of Cranston for the Gratis transfer for streetlight facilities to D.O.T.

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to refer the above item to the Public Works Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

RI D.O.T. Notice of Project Construction by Cardi Corporation at specific locations including Route 165 (Ten Rod Road) from the Connecticut State Line to Route 3 (Nooseneck Hill Rd.) in Exeter, Route 10SB Garfield Ave. (Exit 2B) in Cranston and Plainfield Pike (Route 14/102) South of Briggs Road to Foster Center Road (Route 94) in Foster – estimated substantial completion date is December 9, 2022. (Informational Only)

No action needed.

OAKLAND CEMETERY:

Request dated June 7, 2022 from GRA (GM2, Inc.) on behalf of Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to conduct work at or near to the Oakland Cemetery.

On motion by Councilwoman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to refer the above item to the Public Works Committee. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

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Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(2) – Job Performance and Investigative Proceedings 0- Sean Holley, Cranston Director of Providence/Cranston Work Force Development Partnership.

And Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2).

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas; Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff; John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

Council President Paplauskas indicated that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -8.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist)