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## **CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET**

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

***MONDAY, JUNE 27, 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**

*Cranston West Girls Track Team - Class A Champions (No votes taken)*

## **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, June 24, 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 in recognition of the month of June as Pride Month. Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas, Co-sponsored by Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas. (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)*

~~*\*Resolution urging the Council and Administration to use ARPA Fund to repair, renovate and fix Budlong Pool. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)*~~

## **IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

*Resolution authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements (Amended list from April) (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) [\[click to view\]](#)*

### **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. Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. (Vote will be taken). [\[click to view\]](#)*

**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. Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. (Vote will be taken). [\[click to view\]](#)*

**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. Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. (Vote will be taken). [\[click to view\]](#)*

**6-22-04S**      *Ordinance authorizing Loan Order for the 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. Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. (Vote will be taken). [\[click to view\]](#)*

### **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.). Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*

**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). Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*

- 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. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*
- 5-22-01 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 6 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Animals”. Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*
- 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.). Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas. [\[click to view\]](#) (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**

Public Library Board of Trustees:

- *Re-appointment of Regina Spirito for term ending July 30, 2025. (Vote will be taken)*
- *Re-appointment of Diane Schaefer for term ending July 30, 2025. (Vote will be taken)*

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

None.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

*Legal fees report from 7/1/21-5/23/22 (Informational only no vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)*

*Legal fees report from 7/1/21-6/21/22 (Informational only no vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)*

## **IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Councilman Donegan:** *(No votes taken)*

- *Opioid Litigation Settlement.*

**Councilwoman Marino:** *(No votes taken)*

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *Park Place Theater- status of the production of the new owners' contract with the city and production of the policy of insurance.*
- *Status and the plans for the hiring of the City's Finance Director position.*
- *RIPTA Beach Bus Summer 2022 services update.*
- *Possible amendments to the City's Charter regarding approval of the City's operating budget.*

**Council Vice-President Ferri:** *(No votes taken)*

- *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.)*

## **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.

**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. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view CBA\]](#)*

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

***Request from National Grid for pole location at Crescent Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee July 14, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)***

***Request from National Grid for pole location at Calef St.. Referred to Public Works Committee July 14, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)***

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

#### **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.*

### **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)***

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

***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 votes taken) [\[click to view\]](#)***

**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.**

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

***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).***

*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 July 25, 2022.

**Rosalba Zanni  
Acting City Clerk**