



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, JULY 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 and Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov

When: Jul 25, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council Meeting

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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

Troop 66 Garden City, achieving the Rank of National Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

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, July 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 allowing the Police Department of the City of Cranston to collaborate with nonadjacent Rhode Island Municipalities and Police Departments through a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. Sponsored by Councilman Reilly. [\[click to view\]](#) (*Vote to be taken*)*

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SAFETY SERVICES AND LICENSES COMMITTEE

(Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair)

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW (OVER CAP) (*Vote to be taken*)
999 Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Hot Pot Buffet
(Yulin Zhang)

734 Park Ave.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Advice and Consent of Mayor's Appointment of Ernest Tommasiello as Community Development Director (Vote to be taken)

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

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

Resolution urging the Council and Administration to use ARPA Fund to repair, renovate and fix Budlong Pool. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. Co-sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Reilly and Council President Paplauskas. (Vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

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) [\[click to view\]](#)

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)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

(Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

10-21-03 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Revenue and Finance – Contracts and Purchases". Sponsored by Councilwomen Vargas, Marino, Councilman Donegan and Council Vice-President Ferri. Co-sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly and Council President Paplauskas.* (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

- 4-22-04 *Ordinance in amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Cranston, as amended 2012 (641 Park Project - Legion Bowl). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*
- 4-22-05 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17.84 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone – 661 Park Project - Legion Bowl). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) As amended in Committee 7/14/2022. (Vote will be taken)*
- 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. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*
- 5-22-03 *Ordinance in amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston, as amended 2012 (0 Comstock Parkway, 2184 Plainfield Pike and 2174 Plainfield Pike – Assessor's Plat 36, Lots 5, 36, 38, 51, 52 and 53). Petition filed by Elizabeth Paul, KM Realty LLC and Alwoodley Realty LLC. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*
- 5-22-04 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" (Change of Zone - 0 Comstock Parkway, 2184 Plainfield Pike and 2174 Plainfield Pike – Assessor's Plat 36, Lots 5, 36, 38, 51, 52 and 53). Petition filed by Elizabeth Paul, KM Realty LLC and Alwoodley Realty LLC. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (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

Arts Commission:

- *Re-appointment of Nancy Vitulli for term to expire on July 25, 2025. (Councilwoman Marino). (Vote to be taken)*
- *Re-appointment of Danielle Izzi as Second Alternate Member for term to expire on July 25, 2025. (Council President Paplauskas). (Vote to be taken)*

Tax Assessment Board of Review:

- *Appointment of Stephanie Soscia for term to expire on July 25, 2025. (Council President Paplauskas). (Vote to be taken)*

Building Appeals Board:

- *Re-appointment of John Phillips for term to expire on July 25, 2027(Council President Paplauskas). (Vote to be taken)*

Juvenile Hearing Board:

- *Re-appointment of Raymond Coia for term to expire on December 1, 2025. (Councilman Reilly). (Vote to be taken)*
- *Re-appointment of Joseph Marocco for term to expire on December 1, 2025. (Councilman Reilly). (Vote to be taken)*

Zoning Board of Review:

- *Re-appointment of Christopher Buonanno for term to expire July 25, 2027. (Council President Paplauskas). (Vote to be taken)*

Audit Committe:

- *Appointment of Councilman Richard D. Campopiano for term to expire January 2, 2023. (Council President Paplauskas). (Vote to be taken)*

Municipal Court:

- *Appointment of Elisabeth Bettis as Court Administrator/Clerk of the Court (Council President Paplauskas and Councilwoman Vargas) (Vote to be taken)*

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis Report from 7/1/21-6/30/22 and Legal Expense Analysis from 7/1/2022-7/19/2022 (Informational only no vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

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.)*
- *Update on Top Golf, with an emphasis on the Traffic study*

Councilwoman Vargas: *(No votes taken)*

- *Oakland (Broad St.) Cemetery.*
- *Cranston Sewage Overflow/ Clogged Sewer Line Process and Clean Up*
- *Update on Mayor's proposed 3% salary increase for Cranston Directors in his FY23 Budget*

Councilwoman Germain: *(No votes taken)*

- *Discussion about the issues with Waste Management handling Trash pick up*
- *Damage barrels and Replacement Barrels*

Councilman Donegan:

- *Status of Splash Pad project at Bain Track, and projected date of completion*
- *Traffic Calming measures on Dyer Ave and Cranston St.*

Councilwoman Marino:

- *Discussion on status of street paving lists per ordinance 12.04.140 Street Paving.*

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.

- 7-22-01 *Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Rhode Island Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Cranston Public School Employees, Local 2044 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024). Introduced pursuant to Charter Section 11.02.1. Referred to Finance Committee August 1, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view CBA\]](#)*
- 7-22-02 *Ordinance ratifying the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) Contract, Local 1363 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Finance Committee August 1, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view CBA\]](#)*
- 7-22-03 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12, Section 210 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Through Trucking-Prohibited on Certain Streets" (Crescent Ave. and Harmon Ave.). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Referred to Ordinance Committee August 11, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 7-22-04 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Stop Intersections-Enumerated" (Knollwood and Riverfarm). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Referred to Ordinance Committee August 11, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Request from Rhode Island Energy for pole location at Koutsogiane Dr. Referred to Public Works Committee August 11, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS REFERRED TO CLAIMS COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022.

- **Property Damage Claim:**
 - *Lori Nota from alleged incident on February 22, 2022.*
 - *Tamara Dickerson from an alleged incident on week ending April 23, 2022.*
 - *Raymond Brigidi from alleged incident on June 27, 2022.*

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

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) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on August 22, 2022.

**Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk**