



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide
Lammis J. Vargas, Vice President, Ward 1
Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
Nicole Renzulli, City-Wide

Aniece German, Ward 2
John P. Donegan, Ward 3
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Matthew R. Reilly, Ward 6

****AMENDED AGENDA**

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, April 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

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Those participating by telephone who wish to speak during the public hearing are asked to press *9 to “raise hand” to be recognized by the Council President. Those participating via the web may utilize the “raise hand” button.

Youtube Live Stream

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Votes may be taken*)

- A. Minutes of the March 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. Minutes of the March 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- C. Minutes of the March 31, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- D. Minutes of the April 4, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- E. Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

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 (Friday, March 30, 2023). 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 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

- A. **Resolution** *Urging the City Council to Recognize April as "Celebrate Diversity Month"*; Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. **Resolution** *Establishing a Friendship City Relationship Between Cranston, R.I., and Stepanakert, In the Republic of Artsakh*; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held April 3, 2023
 - 1. **Resolution** authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
 - 2. **Resolution** authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

3. Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
4. Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver Denials (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held April 13, 2023

Resolution *Urging the General Assembly to support Legislation to protect the Pawtuxet River* (HB-5087, HB-5088 and HB-5116). Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

- 1-23-04** **Ordinance** in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 1381 Cranston St. and 767 Dyer Ave. – Cranston Print Works Project). Sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas. (Cont. 3/16/2023). (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- 2-23-01** **Ordinance** in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 0 Plainfield Pike, AP 36, Lots 8 and 37). Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano. (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- 2-23-02** **Ordinance** in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 35 Carlsbad St. Plat 7 Lot 3141 and 0 Carlsbad St. Plat 7 Lot 3744). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- 2-23-06** **Ordinance** in amendment of Title 9, Chapter 9.08.062 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “*Public Peace, Morals and Welfare – Notice Requirements for Removal and Pruning of Trees*”; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino; *as amended in Committee 4/13/2023* (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- 3-23-02** **Ordinance** in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “*Motor Vehicles and Traffic – No Parking – Commercial Vehicles*” (*Kenwood St. both sides*). Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilman Ferri; Co-sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Donegan and Council President Marino; *as amended in Committee 4/13/2023* (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- 3-23-03** **Ordinance** in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 04, Section 030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “*Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Penalties for Traffic Violations*”; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilman Ferri. (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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 Lieutenant Stephen E. Brooks for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Police Dept. for the period of April 2, 2023 to April 2, 2024 (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. Consideration of Request from Chief James E. Warren for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Fire Dept. for the period of March 5, 2023 to March 4, 2024 (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- C. Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2022 – April 24, 2023. (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Report on hiring of Thomas Lima for Video Technician Services for the Cranston City Council (*For information purposes only / no vote to be taken*)

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Councilman Donegan: Status of RFP for Comprehensive Plan (*No Votes will be taken*)

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER (*Votes may be taken*)

- A. **Resolution** Adoption of the City Council Rules for the 2023-2024 Term; Sponsored by Council President Marino. (Cont. from Special Council meeting 4/13/2023) [\[click to view\]](#) (*Vote may be taken*)

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

4-23-01 Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Zoning" for Change of Zone for 0 Bedson Road, located at Assessor's Plat 4, Lots 2606-2609; sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 [\[click to view\]](#)

4-23-02 Ordinance Ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood Police Officers Contract, Local Union 301 (FY 2024 - 2026); Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2023 [\[click to view\]](#)

4-23-03 Ordinance In Amendment of Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Chapters 3.84, 3.88, 3.92, 3.96, and 3.97 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Tax Incentive Programs"; sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee meeting of May 1, 2023 [\[click to view\]](#)

Petition of Narragansett Electric to install pole on Budlong Dr., to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of May 11, 2023 [\[click to view\]](#)

Petition of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England to install pole on Melton St., to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of May 11, 2023 [\[click to view\]](#)

Opening of bids in response to the advertised sale of Lot 300 on Tax Assessor Plat 4/2 situated at 42 Heath Avenue in the City of Cranston (site of the former Sanders School); to be referred to the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2023 **

XVII. ADJOURNMENT (*Vote to 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 April 19, 2023

**Amended agenda was posted on Secretary of State's website, city website, at Cranston City Hall, and at the Cranston Library on April 20, 2023*