



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

VACANT, Ward 2
John P. Donegan, Ward 3
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

AMENDED* AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, ~~March 25~~ *April 22, 2024 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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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (votes may be taken)

Approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2024 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

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

Public hearings are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. 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 may be submitted via email to <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> **no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the Council meeting** in order to be provided to the City Council before the meeting. All such written comments shall include your name and address. (Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION In Support of Governor Daniel J. McKee’s Litter Free Rhode Island Campaign; sponsored by Council President Marino and Council Vice-President Vargas
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Supporting Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month; sponsored by Councilman Ferri (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Recognizing May 5 through 11, 2024 as the 55th Annual Municipal Clerks Week; sponsored by Council President Marino and Council Vice-President Vargas
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Vice Chair, Councilman Paplauskas *Wall, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE meeting held April 1, 2024:

April, 2024 Claims Paid Report (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE meeting held April 1, 2024:

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER OF CLASS FROM CLASS BVL TO CLASS BV LUNCH BOX CAFÉ, LLC d/b/a Lunch Box Café located at 751 Park Ave.; Sandy M. Tavarez (**License over the cap; requires full Council approval**)
(*vote may be taken*)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held April 1, 2024:

RESOLUTION Allowing the City of Cranston to Assume Responsibility for the Upkeep and Safety of the United States Army Donation of Mid-Nineteenth Century Military Cannons at the Governor Sprague Mansion; Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Donegan; Co-Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain, Councilman Wall, Councilman Paplauskas, Councilman Ferri, Councilman Campopiano, Council Vice-President Vargas, and Council President Marino; Approved by the Finance Committee April 1, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **APPROVALS** for the month of March, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **DENIALS** for the month of March, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held April 11, 2024: (nothing to report)

E. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held April 11, 2024:

02-24-02 ORDINANCE in Amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston, 2012, As Amended (20 Goddard Drive, Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39); as requested by Owner/Applicant – 200 Goddard LLC; Approved by the Finance Committee April 11, 2024 (vote may be taken)

[\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#)

02-24-03 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (20 Goddard Drive, Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39); as requested by Owner/Applicant 20 Goddard LLC; Approved by the Ordinance Committee, as amended, April 11, 2024 (vote may be taken)

[\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#)

03-24-01* ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking on Specific Streets”; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Council Vice-President Vargas, and Council President Marino; Approved by the Ordinance Committee (*as 3-21-04) April 11, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#)

RESOLUTION Requesting the United States Postal Service Establish Normal Residential Mail Delivery to the Residents of Fiskeville; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilman Campopiano, and Council President Marino; Co-Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilwoman Germain, Councilman Donegan, Councilman Wall, Councilman Paplauskas, and Council Vice-President Vargas; Approved by the Ordinance Committee April 11, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[Exhibit A\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (no votes)

Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for UNDOCKETED items only. Written public comment 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 prior to the Council meeting.** All such written comments shall include your name and address. Copies will be provided to the City Council before the meeting and the record shall be noted. (Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

APPOINTMENT of Sarah K. Frew as 1st Alternate to the Tax Assessment Board of Review for the unexpired term ending January 28, 2026; as requested by Councilwoman Renzulli (*vote may be taken*)

APPOINTMENT of Elizabeth Del Padre to the Tax Assessment Board of Review, replacing Robert J. Santurri, Jr. for the unexpired term ending January 5, 2026; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 to April 16, 2024
(*no votes*) [[click to view](#)]

From Planning Director Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (*no votes*)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

Update from Administration regarding the status of the City’s participation in the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank’s Community Septic System Loan Program

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

From Council Vice-President Vargas:

Status on improvements to all playgrounds identified in Resolution 2023-46 passed by the City Council December 18, 2023 [[Resolution 2023-46](#)]

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

01-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Stopping, Standing, and Parking on Specific Streets” (Stop Intersection at Plantation Drive, Elm Drive, and Magazine Street); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilwoman Renzulli; Approved by the Ordinance Committee February 15, 2024; continued from the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [[click to view](#)] [[Traffic Engineer Report](#)]

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 2.06 - *Vacancies* of the Cranston City Charter, appointment of Kristen E. Haroian as Ward 2 Council Member filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Ward 2 Council Member Aniece Germain; and administration of the Oath of Office by the City Clerk (*vote to be taken*)

PRESENTATION and discussion of Report to the Community from the Cranston Neighborhood Tree Planting Project (*no votes*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

04-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 0 Sage Drive); Petition filed by Property Owner John Casale III; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 16, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of May 6, 2024 as follows:
(*vote may be taken*)

<i>TYPE OF CLAIM</i>	<i>CLAIMANT</i>	<i>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</i>
Personal Injury	Susan Amaral	February 15, 2024
Property Damage	Leanne Baker	March 4, 2024
Property Damage	Teresa M. Mora	January 6, 2024
Personal Injury	Kathleen Cota	May 2, 2021
Personal Injury	Dayleen Gomez	March 11, 2024
Personal Injury/Property Damage	Ataegianna Sanchez Collins	April 4, 2024
Property Damage	Ray Mooney	April 4, 2024
Property Damage	Luis Solares	March 30, 2024
Property Damage	Kassandra Drager	April 16, 2024
Property Damage	Douglas Stracaluzi	April 9, 2024
Property Damage	Michael & Cheryl Goewey	February 8, 2024

XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED

RESIGNATION of Robert Santurri, Jr. from the Tax Assessment Board of Review, effective immediately (*term expires 01/05/2026*)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Anthony Mastantuono to the Board of Contract and Purchase for the term January 1, 2024 through January 6, 2025; appointed by the Council Minority Leader, Councilwoman Renzulli

APPOINTMENT of Brian A. Moretti to the Board of Contract and Purchase for the term ending January 6, 2025; appointed by the Council Minority Leader, Councilwoman Renzulli

APPOINTMENT of Lauryn Pregoni to the Board of Contract and Purchase for the term ending January 6, 2025; appointed by the Council Majority Leader, Councilman Donegan

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT *(vote may be taken)*

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, on the city's website, at Cranston City Hall and at the Cranston Library on April 18, 2024

**Amended agenda posted 4/18/2024 5:20 P.M.*