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## **CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Claims Committee was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by the Chair.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian  
Councilman Andy M. Andujar  
Councilman Frank J. Ritz, Jr.  
Council Vice-President Daniel Wall, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio (appeared at 5:50 p.m.)

Absent: Councilman Michael Traficante, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Christopher E. Buonanno  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel  
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Gianna Karalekas, Claims Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 4-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Haroian, Councilmen Andujar, Ritz and Council Vice-President Wall -4. Council President Marino was not present for roll call vote.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilwoman Haroian, Councilmen Andujar, Ritz and Council Vice-President Wall; Councilman Buonanno, John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor; Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Gianna Karalekas, Claims Clerk and Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees.

**A. MATTERS CONTINUED FROM MARCH 3, 2025**

*None.*

**B. NEW CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

<b><u>CLAIMANT</u></b>	<b><u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u></b>
<i>Lovette Robinson*</i>	<i>9/12/2024</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Patricia Cipriano</i>	<i>10/29/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Fernando Espaillat</i>	<i>12/11/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Joseph Goncalo</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Greg Bastia</i>	<i>3/1/2025</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Duane Erwin</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>	<i>Personal Injury</i>
<i>Edgar Perez</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>
<i>Parks and Rec Vehicle # 14*</i>	<i>5/22/2024</i>	<i>Vehicle Damage</i>

**C. CLAIMS DENIED AND/OR REFERRED**

*None.*

\* Indicates a claim previously reviewed by the Claims Committee.

**V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilman Ritz, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting came out of Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The following motions were taken in Executive Session:

**Lovette Robinson**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Patricia Cipriano**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve this claim for 50%. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fernando Espaillat**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Joseph Goncalo**

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Councilman Andujar, it was voted to deny this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Greg Bastia**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Duane Erwin**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**Edgar Perez**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilman Ritz, it was voted to approve this claim. Motion passed unanimously.

**Parks and Rec Vehicle # 14**

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to refer this claim to the Solicitor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ***Minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting***

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

- *Sealed Minutes of the April 7, 2025* Executive Session

On motion by Councilman Andujar, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 7, 2025 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees