



## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

(All matters listed are subject to a vote and/or final action by the Committee unless otherwise noted)

Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Chair  
Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Vice-Chair  
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli  
Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio

Councilman Robert J. Ferri  
Councilman John P. Donegan  
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A meeting of the Ordinance Committee was 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 was also available.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 P.M. by the Chair, Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas

### **II. ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by the Clerk. Stated as present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, and Council President Jessica M. Marino. Absent: Councilman John P. Donegan and Councilman Richard D. Campopiano.

Also present: Asst. City Solicitor John Verdecchia and City Clerk Tracy Nelson

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting

**MOTION made by Councilman Ferri, SECOND by Councilwoman Germain to approve the minutes as written.**

**VOTE: Unanimously approved by the members present.**

### **IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

**2-23-04** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Buildings and Construction" (Lead Safe Homes). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan. Co-sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. (Cont. 3/16/2023, 4/13/2023, 5/11/2023 & 6/15/2023)*

**MOTION made by Councilman Ferri, SECOND by Councilwoman Germain to continue Ordinance 2-23-04 to next month's meeting.**

**VOTE: Unanimously approved by the members present**

**3-23-04**      *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 28, Section 090 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – All Night Parking Prohibited”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. (Cont. 4/13/2023).*

Councilwoman Germain, the sponsor, announced she will be withdrawing this ordinance. She is still awaiting information. She requested access from the Administration to information from the Police Dept. She will propose the ordinance again when she receives the last piece of information she needs. The committee needs to pass an ordinance for people who need overnight parking.

**MOTION to APPROVE made by Councilwoman Renzulli, SECONDED by Councilwoman Germain, for the purpose of discussion.**

Asst. Solicitor Verdecchia asked Councilwoman Germain if she wished to withdraw or continue to a later date. If withdrawn, it will need to be re-introduced. He asked about the civic workshops.

Councilwoman Germain indicated there has been one.

Asst. Solicitor Verdecchia stated this ordinance is going to take quite a bit of work. The Administration needs to be involved. It could impact the Comp Plan. It does make sense to withdraw. No motion is needed to withdraw. Councilwoman Germain is the only sponsor. She can withdraw.

Councilwoman Renzulli recommended the ordinance go to Planning. The Comp Plan is in the process of being rewritten. Maybe overnight parking can be incorporated. It is part of urban planning. Per a discussion with the previous Public Works Director, there was a plan to study the streets. The Comp Plan should be done within a year. This may be the best way to get concrete answers.

Councilwoman Germain asked Director Pezzullo about grants to study the roads. She is not interested in spending a lot of taxpayer money. In January the Solicitor indicated he could have an ordinance by February. She drafted this ordinance with constituents at her community meetings. She was hoping to have something they could combine. She continued the ordinance in April so it would not be dead. She still believes it can be done. Director Pezzullo believes it can be done. She does not want to have to wait two to five years.

**Motion to approve WITHDRAWN by Councilwoman Renzulli, Second WITHDRAWN by Councilwoman Germain.**

**No further action taken.**

**4-23-01**      *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 0 Bedson Road, AP 4, Lots 2606-2609). Sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas. (Cont. 6/15/2023).*

Council President Marino has been advised by the Clerk that a recommendation has not been received from the Planning Commission; therefore, the committee will not be able to hear this ordinance this evening. She spoke to the applicants and their attorney. She will email Director Pezzullo and request an update. If this was heard by the Planning Commission, the committee could schedule a special meeting at 6:45pm on July 24 just before the full Council meeting.

Councilman Paplauskas believes the Planning Commission met a couple nights ago. Perhaps there has not been sufficient time to submit their written recommendation.

**No further action taken.**

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION made by Councilman Ferri, SECOND by Councilwoman Renzulli to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. All Ayes**

Minutes approved as written August 17, 2023

Attest: Tracy A. Nelson, City Clerk