



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Richard D. Campopiano, City-Wide
Christopher E. Buonanno, City-Wide

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Frank J. Ritz, Jr., Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 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 (vote may be taken to consider as a block)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 23, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the May 15, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – DOCKETED ITEMS

Public hearings under this section are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. Public comment may be permitted and may be subject to time limitations.

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)*

Members of the public may also participate in public comment by accessing the zoom link referenced on the first page and using the "raise your hand" feature. For those without access to video observation platforms, you may also call in to the meeting by dialing 1-888-788-0099 and pressing *9 to raise your hand during public comment.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION in Recognition of the Month of June as Pride Month; sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian, Councilwoman Graziano and Council President Marino
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of May 5, 2025: Report of Claims Paid May, 2025 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)*

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Haroian, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held May 5, 2025:*

NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE (vote may be taken)

OVER CAP AND REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Equis Restaurant & Lounge, LLC located at 355 Dyer Ave.; Peter Petrarca, Esq.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11am-1am

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk - NONE

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 5, 2025: (nothing to report) (no vote)*

D. *Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held May 15, 2025: (nothing to report) (no vote)*

E. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 15, 2025:*

RESOLUTION “School Transportation Resolution for Out of District, Homeless and Private School Students”; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Traficante, and Council President Marino; approved by the Committee May 15, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION “School Transportation Resolution in Support of H-5420 & S-636 & S-397; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno and Councilman Traficante; approved by the Committee May 15, 2025 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION “Public Schools Fair Funding Formula”; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Traficante, Council President Marino and Councilman Campopiano; approved by the Committee May 15, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (no votes)

Public comment may be permitted under this section, 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

RE-APPOINTMENT of Mario Carlino to the Zoning Board of Review as Alternate 2 for the term July 12, 2025 through July 12, 2026 (*vote may be taken*)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Regina M. Spirito to the Public Library Board of Trustees for the term July 31, 2025 through July 31, 2028 (*vote may be taken*)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Diane L. Schaefer to the Public Library Board of Trustees for the term July 31, 2025 through July 31, 2028 (*vote may be taken*)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Nancy Vitulli to the Arts Commission for the term July 25, 2025 through July 25, 2028 (*vote may be taken*)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through May 27, 2025
(*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

None

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

None

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

05-25-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 04 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Licenses Generally’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

05-25-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 68 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Tobacco Dealers’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

05-25-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 20 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Bingo Games’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

05-25-04 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 32 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Flower Vendors’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

05-25-05 ORDINANCE Amending the City of Cranston 2025 Municipal Budget (Engineering Salary Schedule Amendment); Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to Finance Committee June 2, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[job description\]](#)

RESOLUTION “Supporting the Rhode Island Bottle and Extended Producer Responsibility Bill (H6207)”; Sponsored by Councilwoman Graziano; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to Amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-3-3 to Grant Tax-Exempt Status to the Little Flower Home for Property Located at 85 West View Avenue, Cranston, RI; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION from The Narragansett Electric & Verizon New England Inc. for installation of new pole to serve new house on Summit Drive; to be referred to Public Works Committee June 12, 2025 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of June 2, 2025 as follows: *(vote may be taken)*

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Gerard Deneault	Bodily Injury	02/26/2025
Helena Soares	Bodily Injury	04/20/2025
Sandra Cascione	Vehicle Damage	04/21/2025
Brahilin Santos Jiminez	Bodily Injury	04/23/2025
Joanne Eddy	Bodily Injury	05/03/2025
Christopher Lee Crofwell	Vehicle Damage	05/18/2025

XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED *(no votes taken)*

None

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 May 22, 2025