



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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

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

AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, September 25, 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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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (vote may be taken)

Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

[\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2023 Special Council Meeting

[\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Special Council Meeting

[\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS in Recognition of the Contributions of Latinos to the State of Rhode Island during National Hispanic Heritage Month (no vote)

CITATION to be presented to Bernadette Conte, local Italian American author and documentarian (no vote)

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 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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VII. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION In Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month; Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino
(Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION In Recognition of Italian American Heritage Month; Sponsored by Council President Marino and Councilman Ferri
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held September 11, 2023

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Approvals** for the month of August, 2023 as requested by the City Treasurer (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Denials** for the month of August, 2023 as requested by the City Treasurer (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

RESOLUTION Authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION to Save Budlong Pool; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Councilman Ferri, Councilwoman Germain, Council Vice-President Vargas, and Council President Marino; Amended by the Finance Committee September 11, 2023
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held September 14, 2023

RESOLUTION To enter into a Construction & Maintenance Agreement with RIDOT for Safety Improvements on Atwood Ave; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Approved by the Public Works Committee September 14, 2023
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE**: September 11, 2023 claims paid (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the **SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE** Special Meeting September 25, 2023

NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE (*Vote may be taken*)
Dos Mundos Restaurant, Inc. located at 1 Starline Way
(Nary Vann) (***Over the Cap; requires full Council approval***)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (*no votes*)

Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for UNDOCKETED items only.

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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

APPOINTMENT of Elizabeth Bettis as Alternate 1 to the Juvenile Hearing Board for the un-expired term ending December 1, 2023; per Ch. 2.72. of the Cranston Code of Ordinances; as requested by Councilman Ferri (*vote may be taken*)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 - September 19, 2023
(*no vote*) [[click to view](#)]

B. From Planning Director Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (*no vote*)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

None

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

From Councilwoman Renzulli: Update on Learn365RI Funding (cont'd)

From Councilwoman Germain: Update on the Budlong Pool Project plan (cont'd)

From Council Vice-President Vargas: With regard to city playgrounds:

1. Requesting a comprehensive list of the conditions of all city playgrounds including details of name of playground, location, condition, last time items were replaced (toys/mulch/rubber/fence/courts)

2. Dollars spent per playground around the city
3. Discussion of allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to playground directly on or next to school buildings due to deteriorating playgrounds in need of upkeep; total amount of ARPA funds available
4. Current balance in the Fiscal Year 2024 Parks & Recreation budget
5. Total amount of CDBG funding

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER (*Votes may be taken*)
None

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

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

RESOLUTION Proposing Recognition of the Community Builders Grant Program Funded by the OneCranston Health Equity Zone of Comprehensive Community Action, Inc. (CCAP) within each City Ward; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri and Council President Marino; co-sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Councilwoman Germain; to be referred to Finance Committee October 2, 2023
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION relative to Playgrounds Upgrade & Maintenance; Sponsored by Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas; to be referred to Finance Committee October 2, 2023
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. for relocation of a pole on Cranston St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee October 12, 2023
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-23-01 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 17, Chapter 24 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Performance Standards Generally" adding Section 17.24.50 Retail Sales of Cannabis; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to Ordinance Committee November 16, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-23-02 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Zoning"; relative to a change of zone for property located at 20 Goddard Dr., further designated as Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, Council President Jessica M. Marino, and Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli; to be referred to Ordinance Committee November 16, 2023
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view ordinance\]](#) [\[click to view application\]](#)

9-23-03 ORDINANCE in Amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston, 2012, As Amended; relative to property located at 20 Goddard Dr., further designated as Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39; Sponsored by Council President Jessica M. Marino, and Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli; to be referred to Ordinance Committee November 16, 2023 (vote may be taken)
[\[click to view ordinance\]](#) [\[click to view application\]](#)

9-23-04 ORDINANCE Allocating \$600,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Purpose of Upgrading City of Cranston Playgrounds in All Six Wards; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to Finance Committee October 2, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

9-23-05 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 17 Zoning, Chapter 17.36.010 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Industrial Uses'; Sponsored by Council President Jessica M. Marino; to be referred to Ordinance Committee October 12, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of October 2, 2023 as follows: (vote may be taken)

<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</u>
Personal Injury	Roger Dominguez Henriquez	June 18, 2023
Property Damage	Rita Aunis	August 22, 2023
Property Damage	Elsa Vieira	July 30, 2023
Property Damage	Kevin M. Antonucci	August 18, 2023
Property Damage	Kerri Miozza	July 20, 2023

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (vote may be taken)

Upon a motion, second, and open call by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the City Council will convene in a closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to prospective and actual litigation matters as listed below:

Sonya Poydras, 190 Aqueduct Rd., Retaining Wall (vote may be taken*)

XVIII. RETURN OPEN SESSION (vote may be taken)

**Upon return to open session, the Council President will report out any motions made in Executive Session, and may call for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session*

XIV. 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 September 21, 2023