



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Lammis J. Vargas, Vice President, Ward 1
Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
Nicole Renzulli, City-Wide

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

AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, December 16, 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 (vote may be taken to take all as a block)

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

APPROVAL of the *sealed* minutes of the November 25, 2024 Executive Session
(vote may be taken)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS Honoring Middle School Cross Country City Champions and All City Teams (no vote)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of December 2, 2024: Report of Claims Paid (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)*

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held December 2, 2024:
(nothing to report) (no vote)*

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held December 2, 2024:*

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Committee December 2, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of November, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer and recommended for approval by the Committee December 2, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

11-24-01 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Rhode Island Council 94 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Cranston Public School Employees, Local 2044 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Pursuant to City Charter Section 11.02.1; Committee recommended approval December 2, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) [\[tentative agreement\]](#) [\[redline 2021-2024 contract\]](#) [\[click to view fiscal note\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkins' appointment of Stephen Piscopiello as Director of Parks and Recreation; Referred out of committee December 16, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held December 5, 2024:*

10-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 12.08.080 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Construction' (Sidewalk Cost Share Program); As Amended 11/14/2024; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilman Campopiano; Committee recommended approval 12/5/2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION for the Abandonment of a portion of Elmhurst Avenue; Petitioner: Bryan D. White; Referred out of committee 12/5/2024 (vote may be taken) [\[application\]](#) [\[Plan Comm Recommendation\]](#)

E. *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held December 5, 2024:*

09-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 30, Section 020 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Stop Intersections – Enumerated’ (Flint Ave at intersection with Packard St.); As Amended 11/14/2024; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Councilman Paplauskas, Councilman Wall, Councilman Campopiano, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Council Vice-President Vargas
(Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (no votes)

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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

APPOINTMENT of Sarah Frew (*currently 1st Alternate*) as full member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review; effective January 6, 2025 through January 6, 2028; replacing Keith Lavimodiere; as requested by the Tax Assessor
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPOINTMENT of Mario Carlino to the Zoning Board of Review as Second Alternate for the unexpired term ending July 12, 2025; 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, 2024 through December 16, 2024
(no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

REQUEST from Robert Ryan, Fire Department Chief, to be placed on the pension roll effective at the end of day January 3, 2025 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

From Council President Marino:

- *Flooding events from September to current throughout the City; status of FEMA, State and other assistance; remediation and mitigation efforts*

- Farewell address to Councilman Paplauskas, Councilman Ferri, Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Donegan, and Council Vice-President Vargas
- Status of the city's annual financial audit

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

From Councilwoman Haroian:

- Budlong Pool Update

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION of the draft 2025 regular meeting schedule of the City Council, Claims Committee, Safety Services & Licenses Committee, Finance Committee, Public Works Committee, and the Ordinance Committee

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

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:

PETITION from Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. for relocation of pole on Elwyn St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee January 16, 2025

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

<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</u>
Property Damage	George W. Forrest	08/27/2024

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (vote may be taken to move to executive session)

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 R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or prospective or actual litigation matters as listed below:

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining:

Update on the Administration's negotiations and contract details relative to:

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teamsters Local 251, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Municipal Employees for the term beginning July 1, 2024 *(votes may be taken*)*

Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, Providence, Rhode Island, of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO for the term beginning July 1, 2024
(votes 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*

XIX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED

2025 Municipal Court Quarterly Calendars (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

XX. 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 December 12, 2024