



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
Nicole Renzulli, City-Wide

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Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Matthew R. Reilly, Ward 6

AMENDED* AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, May 22, 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 (*Votes may be taken*)

- A. Minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- C. Minutes of the May 1, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)
- D. Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Special Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT (*Votes may be taken*)

Public hearings are limited to docketed subject matters. 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 is accepted and 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 before the Council meeting (Friday, March 30, 2023). All such written comments will be identified by name, address, date, shall be provided to council members before the meeting and the record shall be so noted.
(*Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record*)

For meetings occurring via a collaboration platform (i.e., Zoom), those members of the public then present in the audience may be allowed to comment by calling in to the meeting at 1-888-788-0099 or by appearing on screen.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

3-23-01 ORDINANCE Transferring \$350,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund for Engineering Design Development Costs for Construction of a Budlong Pool and Partial Renovation of an Improvement Upon the Property; sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins (*vote may be taken*)
[\[click to view\]](#)

4-23-02 ORDINANCE Ratifying the IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers Contract, Local Union 301 (FY 2024-2026); sponsored by Mayor Hopkins (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view ordinance\]](#) [\[click to view contract\]](#)

4-23-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Chapters 3.84,3.88, 3.92, 3.96 and 3.97 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Tax Incentive Programs"; sponsored by Mayor Hopkins (*vote may be taken*)
[\[click to view\]](#)

- B. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 22, 2023:

RESOLUTION "Authorizing the sale of property located at 41 Heath Ave., also known as the former Sanders School, to Vicioso Homes for the sum of \$261,500.00"; and further authorizing the Purchasing Agent to proceed with said sale; sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements (*Vote may be taken*)
[\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements (*Vote may be taken*)
[\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements (*Vote may be taken*)
[\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **APPROVALS** for the month of April, 2023
(Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **DENIALS** for the month of April, 2023
(Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 11, 2023:

3-23-05 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Zoning' (Change of Zone - 1388 & 1390 Cranston Street) (Knights Corner Development Project); Sponsored by Councilman Paplauskas; As Amended in Committee 5/11/2023 (vote to be taken)
[\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE**:
May, 2023 Claims Settled (no vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS

** Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for **UNDOCKETED** items only. Speaker shall state name and address clearly for the record. Comments to be limited to four minutes.*

X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

APPOINTMENT of James E. Donahue as Republican Board Member to the Cranston Board of Canvassers for the term March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2029, as nominated by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 17-8-1 (vote may be taken)
[\[click to view\]](#)

APPOINTMENT of Kirk McDonough as Democratic Board Alternate to the Cranston Board of Canvassers for the term March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2029, as nominated by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 17-8-1 (vote may be taken)
[\[click to view\]](#)

APPOINTMENT of Jeffrey P. Barone as Republican Board Alternate to the Cranston Board of Canvassers for the term March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2029, as nominated by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 17-8-1 (vote may be taken)
[\[click to view\]](#)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. From Planning Director, Jason Pezzullo, update on status of the Comprehensive Plan
(no vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2022 – May 22, 2023
(no vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

A. May 18, 2023 Letter of Resignation of Matthew Reilly as Councilman, Ward 6, of the City of Cranston effective immediately (vote to receive and accept into record)
[\[click to view\]](#)

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

A. From Council Vice-President Vargas: Discussion of Knightsville Project on streetscape and gazebo (spending/grants/project update)

B. From Councilman Paplauskas: Discussion on New Business submission deadline

~~C. From Councilman Paplauskas: Discussion on "No Vote Taken"~~

- D. From Councilwoman Germain: Details of Budlong Pool Project Plan - Repair current pool/construct smaller pool/if yes, size/timeline for start of the project?
- E. From Councilwoman Germain: Update on the city's ruling effort on Air B&B/VRBO

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

5-23-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.16.010 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Police Department Composition"; sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; to be referred Ordinance Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

5-23-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 17, Chapter 17.109 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Plan Commission"; Sponsored by Council President Marino and Councilwoman Renzulli; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee Meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

5-23-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 6 of the Code of the city of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Animals" (Roosters); sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote to be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION "To participate in the RI Infrastructure Bank's Community Septic System Loan Program"; sponsored by Council President Marino; to be referred to Finance Committee meeting of June 5, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION "Support for Grant Funding of CLCF Youth Sports; sponsored by Council President Marino; to be referred to the Finance Committee meeting of June 5, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc., to install new pole on Budlong Rd.; to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc., to install new pole on Pippin Orchard Rd.; to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION of Narragansett Electric to install new pole on Dyer Ave.; to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of June 15, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of June 5, 2023 as follows: (*vote may be taken*)

TYPE OF CLAIM	CLAIMANT	DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT
Personal Injury	Estate of Jill Mansolillo	November 5, 2021
Property Damage	Sonya Poydras	August 30, 2022
Property Damage	John C. Campellone	January 23, 2023
Property Damage	Ed Brady	February 25, 2023
Property Damage	Raymond L. Simmons IV	March 29, 2023
Property Damage	Bernard Fournier	March 29, 2023
Property Damage	Park Avenue Realty	April 19, 2023
Property Damage	Ryan Behm	April 30, 2023
Property Damage	Donna Bouthillette	April 30, 2023

XVII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

- A. From the City Clerk to the Board of Canvassers, Notice of Vacancy for Council Ward 6, and request for special election pursuant to Section 2.06 of the City Charter [\[click to view\]](#)

XVII. 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 18, 2023

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