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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST AUDITORIUM
80 METROPOLITAN AVE., CRANSTON RI 02920

The Cranston Charter Review was established to make recommendations to the Cranston City Council as to possible changes to the Cranston City Charter. The Cranston City Council will review the Commission's recommendations and determine which amendments, if any, will be submitted for voter approval in the upcoming election.

The City Charter is essentially Cranston's local constitution. The City Charter determines Cranston's form of local government such as: whether Cranston has a mayor or city manager, the size of the City Council and School Committee, the terms of office for elected officials, the term limits on an elected official, the power to recall or remove elected officials, when local election are conducted, and the existence of different city departments and city board and commissions.

The City Charter also addresses the powers of Cranston's local government such as: the adoption of resolutions and ordinances including the budget, voter initiative, the mayor's veto power, appointments by the mayor and city council, the expenditure of taxpayer funds, tax increases, the issuance of debt, competitive bidding for government contracts, consolidation of government services, redistricting, and zoning. The Cranston City Charter is subject to state and federal law.

- 1. Call the meeting to order***
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting***
- 3. Public Comment***
- 4. Scheduling of additional meetings and public hearings***
- 5. Discussion of possible changes to the City Charter***
- 6. Adjournment***

Public comment can also be submitted electronically to Assistant City Clerk Rosalba Zanni at rzanni@cranstonri.org with a subject line indicating it is for the Charter Review Commission.

An electronic copy of the Cranston City Charter can be located at this link:
https://library.municode.com/ri/cranston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH