



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held in the Cranston City Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910, *in accordance with the RI General Laws Chapter 45-24-53 for the purpose of considering the ***following items listed on the docket.***

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Agenda and Docketed Matters before the Council

- **Call to order** by the Council President; council member attendance taken (*No Vote will be taken*)
- Meeting **minutes** (*Vote to be taken*)

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Emily Sanita (Cont. from 6/28/2021) *(No Vote will be taken)*

John Cardullo in recognition of his years of service and dedication to the City's youth sports
(No Vote will be taken)

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Public hearings are limited to the subject matter of docketed matters only. Public comment may be permitted and will be subject to time limitations. Such hearings and comment do not include the introduction of new matters before the Council (see section XI 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, September 24, 2021). 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 to be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)*

For in person meetings, those members of the public then present in the audience may be invited to comment. 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.

III. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution in recognition of Blood Cancer Month. Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas.
[\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Resolution in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas and co-sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#) *(Vote will be taken)*

Resolution urging the School Committee to implement African Heritage History Education in the Cranston Public School Curriculum. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. [\[click to view\]](#)
(Vote will be taken)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Acting Chair)

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

Resolution authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

Resolution authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

Tax Interest Waiver Approvals [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

Update from Lisa Andoscia, City Council Grant Writer. (Council President Paplauskas).
(No Vote will be taken)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
(Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

5-21-09 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.100 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – No Parking-Between Signs”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas.* [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer's Report\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

7-21-09 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the Code of the city of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel – Filming and Recording of Meetings”. Sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Councilwomen Marino, Vargas and Germain. As amended by Ordinance Committee 9/15/2021.* [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

7-21-10 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 1369 Park Ave. and 0 Park Ave.). Petition filed by Sprague Covington LLC.* [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

8-21-3 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Stopping, Standing and Parking on Specific Streets” (Dyer Ave.)* [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UN-DOCKETED ITEMS

Public Comment may be permitted subject to time limitations for UN-DOCKETED items only.

VI. ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Diversity Commission:

- *Appointment of Matthew Buchanan, for term ending January 2, 2023.* (Council Minority Leader Donegan). (No Vote will be taken)
- *Appointment of Naoko Shibusawa, for term ending January 2, 2023.* (Council Minority Leader Donegan). (No Vote will be taken)

Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees:

- *Appointment of Michael Goldberg filling un-expired term of Fred Raisner for term ending August 30, 2023. (Vote will be taken)*

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for 7/1/2021 – 9/27/2021. [\[click to view\]](#) (No vote will be taken)

Request to be continued in service for one year Deputy Chief Richard Mancini, Cranston Fire Department. (Vote will be taken)

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Vargas:

- *Update on building on Broad St. where it was deemed unlivable. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Update on building on Broad St. and Bluff where the siding of the building fell off and inspections was looking into it. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Update on ARPA money coming in and utilization of it. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Update on ATV and how many we have confiscated and/or arrested. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Santander Bank building and any updates from Economic Development on conversation with owner. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Speeding on Beechmont St. (No Vote will be taken)*
- *Traffic Safety Commission Update. (No Vote will be taken)*

Councilman Reilly:

- *Traffic issues in Garden City area of Ward 6 including Rt. 37. (No Vote will be taken)*

Councilman Donegan:

- *Plastic Bag Ordinance Enforcement. (No Vote will be taken)*

XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None.

XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL*

* These new matters are referred for public hearing to the appropriate sub-committee of the Council. They are listed here for referral and vote to a committee and for informational purposes.

- 9-21-01** *Ordinance in amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston, as amended 2012 (777 Cranston St.). Petition filed by Trolley Barn Associates, LLC. Referred to Ordinance Committee 11/9/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-02** *Ordinance in amendment of Ch. 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – 777 Cranston St.). Petition filed by Trolley Barn Associates, LLC. Referred to Ordinance Committee 11/9/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-03** *Ordinance in amendment of Title 6.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Animals” (Keeping of Chicken Hens). Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli. Referred to Ordinance Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-04** *Ordinance in amendment of Title 6.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Animals” (Roosters Prohibited). Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli. Referred to Ordinance Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-05** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2.72 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Administration and Personnel – Juvenile Hearing Board”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Referred to Ordinance Committee October 14, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-06** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.24 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance – Real Property for Tax Freeze for Elderly”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Referred to Finance Committee October 4, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-07** *Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Health and Safety” (Cemeteries). Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas and Council President Paplauskas. Referred to Ordinance Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*
- 9-21-08** *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Multi-Way Stop Intersections-Enumerated”. Sponsored by Councilman Ferri and Councilwoman Marino. Referred to Ordinance Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Request from National Grid for pole location at Lincoln Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)

Request from National Grid for pole location at Meadow Lark Dr. Referred to Public Works Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)

Claims Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, October 14, 2021

- Property Damage Claim:
 - Erika Ramirez from alleged incident on August 14, 2021
- Property Damage and Personal Injury Claim:
 - Peter Luker from alleged incident on July 16, 2021.
- Personal Injury Claim:
 - Kenneth DelFino from alleged incident on March 1, 2021.
 - Karen Aliferakis from alleged incident on or about May 21, 2021.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation

Vote to be taken to go into Executive Session

Vote to be taken to Come out of Executive Session

Votes taken in Executive Session reported out in Public Session.

Vote to be taken to seal minutes of Executive Session.

RIDOT – Surplus State Land Offer: Tax Assessor Plat 9:5-195, 5-196: 0 and 125 Norfolk St.
[\[click to view\]](#) *(Informational Only)*

- **Adjournment** *(Vote will be taken)*

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on October 25, 2021.

Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk