



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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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Youtube Live Stream

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Agenda and Docketed Matters before the Council

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

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Former Councilman Edward J. Brady (No votes will be taken)

Citations Presented to Maria Silva, Xavier Pichardo, Mikaya Parente and Sanjana Ananthula of Cranston Public Schools (No votes 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, July 23, 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 urging the City Council and Administration to recognize and celebrate National Immigrants Day. Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. [\[click to view\]](#) (*Votes will be taken*)*

*Resolution in Recognition of S.T.E.M. Based After-School Programs. Sponsored by Councilwomen Lammis, Marino and Council Vice-President Ferri. [\[click to view\]](#) (*Votes will be taken*)*

*Resolution in Recognition of Italian American Heritage Month. Sponsored by Councilwoman Marino and Council Vice-President Ferri. [\[click to view\]](#) (*Votes will be taken*)*

*Resolution in recognition of Veterans Day. Sponsored by Councilwomen Marino, Vargas and Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#) (*Votes will be taken*)*

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Acting Chair)

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri, Chair)

7-21-08 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" (Street Paving). Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilwoman Marino. As amended in Committee 10/14/2021.* [\[click to view\]](#) (Votes will be taken)

7-21-16 *Ordinance in amendment of Ch. 8.12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Health and Safety – Garbage Collection and Disposal". Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas. As amended in Committee 10/14/2021.* [\[click to view\]](#) (Votes will be taken)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

(Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

7-21-11 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.030 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles & Traffic-Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated" (Quail Hollow Dr. and Wildberry Dr. 4 Way Stop). Sponsored by council President Paplauskas.* [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#) (Votes will be taken)

7-21-12 *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" (Randall St. and Whiting St. 4 Way Stop). Sponsored by council President Paplauskas.* [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#) (Votes will be taken)

7-21-13 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32.020 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Stop Intersections-Enumerated" (Quail Hollow Dr. and Wildberry Dr.). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas.* [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#) (Votes will be taken)

- 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. As amended in Committee 10/14/2021. [\[click to view\]](#) Votes will be taken)*
- 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. [\[click to view\]](#) (Votes will be taken)*
- 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. [\[click to view\]](#) (Votes will be taken)*
- 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. Recommended approval from Committee 10/14/2021 pending Traffic Study. [\[click to view\]](#) (Votes will be taken)*

CLAIMS COMMITTEE
(Councilman John P. Donegan, Chair)

Report of settled claims (Informational purposes – No votes will be taken): *Christine Nolte \$50.00 Property Damage; John Nazarian \$8,500.00 Personal Injury; Insurance Subrogation Group \$2,100.00 Vehicle Damage; Insurance Subrogation Group \$600.00 Vehicle Damage; Nationwide Insurance \$1,200.00 Vehicle Damage; Erika Ramirez \$159.43 Vehicle Damage.*

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

Juvenile Hearing Board:

- *Re-Appointment of Pam Schiff for term ending December 1, 2024. (Council President Paplauskas) (Votes will be taken)*

Zoning Board of Review:

- *Appointment of Douglas R. Fredette as Second Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review for term ending October 25, 2022. (Council President Paplauskas). (Votes will be taken)*

Diversity Commission:

- *Appointment of Derik A. Tutt for term ending January 2, 2023. (Council President Paplauskas). (No votes will be taken)*

Historical Cemeteries Commission:

- *Appointment of Paul Tognetti as an Alternate Member for term to expire on October 25, 2024. (Council President Paplauskas). (No votes will be taken)*

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Status Report from the Cranston Redistricting Commission. [\[click to view\]](#) (No votes will be taken)

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for 7/1/2021 – 10/25/2021. [\[click to view Report\]](#) (No votes will be taken)

Request to be continued in service for one year Major Robert Quirk, Cranston Police Department. (Votes will be taken)

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vice-President Ferri:

- *Economic Development Update (No votes will be taken)*
- *Update on Top Golf (No votes will be taken)*
- *Recent Economic Development Accomplishments (No votes will be taken)*
- *Upcoming Economic Development Plans (No votes will be taken)*
- *Update on Costco coming to Cranston (No votes will be taken)*

Councilwoman Marino:

- *Workforce Solutions – update as to job placements for the 2021 year thus far; status of any upcoming activities, events or job fairs/training sessions. (No votes will be taken)*
- *Senior Services transportation for Cranston seniors to local appointments. (No votes will be taken)*
- *Budlong Pool – maintenance/winterization status. (No votes will be taken)*
- *RI Veterans Donation Drive – for the month of November - sponsored by Councilwoman Marino to support Operation Stand Down RI. (No votes will be taken)*

Councilwoman Vargas:

- *Friendly/Paine Park (No votes will be taken)*
- *Update on \$2,500.00 City Small Business Grant (No votes will be taken)*
- *Update on Revolving Loan Fund Program (No votes 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.

10-21-01 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 3.24.080 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance – Income Qualifications”. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. Referred to Finance Committee November 1, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

10-21-02 *Ordinance of the City Council the enactment of the City of Cranston Administrative Unit Employment Benefits Book. Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Ordinance Committee November 9, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Benefits Book\]](#)*

10-21-03 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.08 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance – Contracts and Purchases”. Sponsored by Councilwomen Vargas, Marino, Councilman Donegan and Council Vice-President Ferri. Referred to Ordinance Committee November 9, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

10-21-04 *Ordinance ratifying the Teamsters Local 251 contract for term July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. Referred to Finance Committee November 1, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

10-21-05 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3.04 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance – Fiscal Provisions”. Sponsored by Councilwoman Marino and Council Vice-President Ferri. Referred to Finance Committee November 1, 2021. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Resolution “American Rescue Plan Act Funds – Prioritizing use and public input”. Sponsored by Council Vice-President Ferri, Councilman Donegan and Councilwoman Marino. Referred to Finance Committee 11/1/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)

Request from National Grid for pole location at South Clarendon St. Referred to Public Works Committee 11/09/2021. [\[click to view\]](#)

Claims Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, November 9, 2021

- **Property Damage Claim:**
 - *Mary Rutkowski from alleged incident on September 30, 2020.*
 - *Ronald & Ronda French from alleged incident on June, July, August & September, 2021.*
 - *Tyboramy Yuong from alleged incident on August 6, 2021.*
 - *Salvatore DeFazio from alleged incident on September 2, 2021.*
 - *Maureen Booth from alleged incident on October 6, 2021.*

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

None.

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

The City Council's next regular monthly meeting will be held on November 22, 2021.

Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk