



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL - DOCKET

Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas, Presiding

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Please note: Due to public safety concerns related to COVID-19, all City Council Meetings and City Council Sub-Committee Meetings will be temporarily held in a virtual-only format and not in person.

Meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held **via the Zoom platform as allowed per Executive Order of RI Governor Daniel J. McKee No. 22-01, as ordered**, and in accordance with the RI General Laws Chapter 45-24-53 for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation by the public is available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov.

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jan 24, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council Meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Those participating by telephone who wish to speak during the public hearing are asked to press *9 to "raise hand" to be recognized by the Council President. Those participating via the web may utilize the "raise hand" button.

YouTube Livestream

The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube. Click the link below to view the meeting. You will only be able to watch the proceedings. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtE9vwA1B1PQHuftrNPcZjg>.

Agenda and Docketed Matters before the Council

- **Call to order** by the Council President; council member attendance taken (*No votes taken*)
- **Pledge of Allegiance** (*No Vote to be taken*)
- Meeting **minutes** from 11/22/2021 and 12/20/2021 (*Vote to be taken*)

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS FOR CLCF FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADERS (No votes taken)

- *CLCF 8U Football for winning the 8U 2021 Blackstone Valley AYF Football Super Bowl - State Champions*
- *CLCF 11U Football for winning the 11U 2021 Blackstone Valley AYF Football Super Bowl - State Champions*
- *CLCF 13U Football for a successful season showing great teamwork to a 7-1 record*
- *CLCF 12U Cheer for placing 2nd at the Blackstone Valley Cheer Competition*

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 XII 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, January 21, 2022). 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 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 “American Rescue Plan Act Funds – Engagement of Polling Company to Solicit and Gauge Input by Cranston Citizens”. Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins. (Vote will be taken)

[\[click to view\]](#)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Chair)

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. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (Cont. from 12/20/2021). [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*

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. Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. (Cont. from 12/20/2021). [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) (Vote will be taken)*

12-21-01 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12.270 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – One-Way Traffic on Certain Streets Between Certain Hours” (Eden Park Dr. northerly from Aqueduct Rd.). Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain. [\[click to view\]](#) (Vote will be taken) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#)*

12-21-02 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (Tabor St.). Sponsored by Council President Paplauskas. [\[click to view\]](#) (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

Arts Commission:

- *Appointment of Abbey Rondeau for term to expire on January 24, 2025. (Vote to be taken)*

Tree Warden:

- *Re-appointment of John Skorupski.* Informational Only. (No Vote to be Taken)

Affordable Housing Commission:

- *Appointment of Jason M. Case to fill un-expired term of Jeffrey Barone for term to expire on February 22, 2024. (Majority appointment).* (No Vote to be taken)

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for 7/1/2021 – 12/20/2021. (No vote will be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Request to be placed on pension Deputy Chief Lawrence Caron, Jr., Cranston Fire Department.
(Vote to be taken)

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

- *ARPA City Council workshop to be held on January 27th and February 10th at 6 pm. Public comment is welcomed and encouraged.* (No Vote to be taken)
- *Update from Administration or Legal Department on opioid litigation settlement.* (No Vote to be taken)
- *Update from Director Strom regarding the Cranston Ice Rink and ARPA Funds.* (No Vote to be taken)

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Donegan:

- *Proposed Partnership with “Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau”.* (No Vote to be taken)

Councilwoman Germain:

- *Update on the Diversity Commission.* (No Vote to be taken)

Councilwoman Vargas:

- *West Bay Land Trust – City Tree Program.* (No Vote to be taken)
- *Friendly Park Update* (No Vote to 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.

1-22-01 *Ordinance ratifying School Committee’s Collective Bargaining Agreement with the National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153, Custodian Unit. Introduced Pursuant to Charter Sect. 11.02.1. Referred to Finance Committee 2/7/2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

1-22-02 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10 Chapter 04 Section 140 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” (General Provisions, Administration and Enforcement – One Way Highways). Sponsored by Councilwomen Marino and Vargas. Referred to Ordinance Committee 2/17/2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

1-22-03 *Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Traffic Regulations for Specific Streets” (Shaw Ave.). Sponsored by Councilwoman Vargas. Referred to Ordinance Committee 2/17/2022. [\[click to view\]](#)*

Request from National Grid for pole location at Phenix Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee February 17, 2022. [\[click to view\]](#)

Claims Referred to Claims Committee – Thursday, February 17, 2022.

- *Property Damage Claim:*
 - *Stephen Quartino from alleged incident on December 17, 2020.*
 - *Rebecca Perentin from alleged incident on November 20, 2021.*

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK’S DESK

*2022 City Council and Committee meetings schedule [\[click to view\]](#) (No vote will be taken)
(For Informational Purposes)*

*2022 Municipal Court Schedule [\[click to view\]](#)
(No vote will be taken) (For Informational Purposes)*

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

The City Council’s next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 28, 2022.

**Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk**