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## **SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-APRIL 1, 2022-**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Friday, April 1, 2022 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Council President Paplauskas.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilwomen Marino, Renzulli, Vargas, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Reilly and Council President Paplauskas -8.

Also Present: Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration; Daniel Parrillo, Director of Personnel; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Michael Igoe, City Controller; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst.

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**\*AMENDED**

**CITY OF CRANSTON  
RHODE ISLAND**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL**

***Friday, April 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.***

Special Meeting of the City Council will be held **in the City of Cranston Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at [www.cranstonri.gov](http://www.cranstonri.gov) and Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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**Technology problems should be reported immediately to:**

**[CranstonCityCouncilMedia@gmail.com](mailto:CranstonCityCouncilMedia@gmail.com)**

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>.

Note: There will be NO public participation at this meeting.

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## **Agenda and Docketed Matters Before the Council**

This special meeting of the Cranston City Council has been called pursuant to Charter for the City of Cranston (hereinafter “Char.”) §3.07 by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins and the members of the City Council listed below have been notified as provided for in §3.07: Christopher G. Paplauskas (Council President); Robert J. Ferri (Council Vice-President); Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino; Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli; Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas; Councilwoman Aniece Germain; Councilman John P. Donegan; Councilman Richard D. Campopiano and Councilman Matthew R. Reilly.

- **Call to order** by the Council President; council member attendance taken (*No votes taken*)

### **I. 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 to a committee and for informational purposes. While hearing dates before the appropriate sub-committee have been established, they are subject to change. For current information related to hearing dates, the public is encouraged to consult the “City Calendar” feature on the City’s website at \*[www.cranstonri.gov](http://www.cranstonri.gov)

- Pursuant to Char. §6.03 the City Council welcomes Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins to deliver his budget message, and to introduce the City’s operating budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 as follows:
  - Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget and Salary Schedule for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Insurance Fund and the Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the four succeeding years. *\*(No vote to be taken)*. \* Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 6, 7, 11, 13, 18 & 27, 2022.
  - Ordinance Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. *\*(No vote to be taken)*. \*Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 6, 7, 11, 13, 18 & 27, 2022.
  - Resolution Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, pursuant to Char. §6.11. *\*(No vote to be taken)*. \*Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 6, 7, 11, 13, 18 & 27, 2022.
  - Ordinance Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty. *\*(No vote to be taken)*. \* Referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings on April 6, 7, 11, 13, 18 & 27, 2022.
  - Fixing the time and place for public hearings on the Operating and Capital Budgets. *\*(No vote to be taken)*.

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- 2023 Budget Hearing Notice – This notice is attached for informational purposes to provide the public with the dates, time and access to the sub-committee meeting at which each department-level budget will be discussed and at which the public will be heard. Hearing dates are subject to change. Please consult the City website (mentioned previously herein) for updated information. *\*(No vote to be taken)*
- ~~\*Advice and Consent of Mayor's Appointment of Robert Zarnetske as Finance Director. (Vote will be taken)~~
- **Adjournment** *\*(Vote will be taken)*

And I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

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/s/ Anthony Moretti, Acting Mayor

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special meeting of the City Council to be held on Friday, April 1, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island was delivered via electronic mail on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2022 to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk

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**Council President Farina** called on Mayor Hopkins for his Budget address.

**Mayor Hopkins** presented his budget address for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

\*\*\*\*\**(See Copy of Mayor's budget address attached).*

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that the Public Hearing before the Finance Committee regarding the Budget will be held on April 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 27, 2022 and adoption on May 4, 2022 and this schedule along with the Mayor's proposed Budget will be available on the City's website.

\*\*\*\*\**(See copy of schedule attached).*

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

*/s/ Rosalba Zanni*  
Acting City Clerk