



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide
Daniel Wall, Vice President, Ward 6
Richard D. Campopiano, City-Wide
Christopher E. Buonanno, City-Wide

Bridget R. Graziano, Ward 1
Kristen E. Haroian, Ward 2
Andy M. Andujar, Ward 3
Frank Ritz, Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM. in the Cranston City Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910** for the purpose of conducting the items of business appearing on the docket.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (vote may be taken to consider as a block)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the *sealed* minutes of the January 27, 2025 Executive Session
(vote may be taken)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATION of Congratulations to Police Chief, **Colonel Michael Winquist**, on his induction to the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame (no vote)

CITATION of Congratulations to **Earl Salisbury**, recipient of the FPA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan Operations & Maintenance Excellence Award (no vote)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – DOCKETED ITEMS

Public hearings under this section are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. Public comment may be permitted and may be subject to time limitations.

Written public comment may be submitted via email to <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> no later than **4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the Council meeting** in order to be provided to the City Council before the meeting. All such written comments shall include your name and address. (Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION Requesting the Administration and City Council Celebrate Black History Month in Cranston Throughout the Month of February; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Councilman Buonanno, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilman Andujar, Councilwoman Graziano, and Councilman Ritz (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Commemorating the 181st Anniversary of Dominican Republic Independence on February 27, 2025; Sponsored by Councilman Andujar, Councilwoman Haroian, and Councilwoman Graziano (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the *CLAIMS COMMITTEE* meeting of February 3, 2025: Report of Claims Paid (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Haroian, on the *SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE* meeting held February 3, 2025:
(*nothing to report*) (*no vote*)

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSES – NEW ***Over Cap; Require Full Council Approval***

1. ***Blue Room RI, LLC*** located at 2197 Broad St.; Jennifer Freitas Harris
Hours: Tues-Thurs 4pm-11pm, Fri 4pm-12am, Sat 10am-12am, Sun 10am-6pm
(*vote may be taken*)

2. ***JMMH Corp. d/b/a Ginza Asian Bistro*** located at 736 Park Ave.; Yulin Zhang; Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-10:30pm (*vote may be taken*)
[Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk](#)
- Letter of Good Standing

3. ***Ming's Asian Street Food, LLC*** located at 1864 Broad St.; Joshua Burgoyne
Hours: Thurs-Mon 12pm-9pm (*vote may be taken*)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the *FINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held February 3, 2025: (*nothing new to report*) (*no vote*)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held February 13, 2025:

RESOLUTION for Approval of the petition for the **ABANDONMENT** of portion of Elmhurst Avenue; Petitioner: Bryan D. White; Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano; approved by the Public Works Committee February 13, 2025 subject to “*proper easements being recorded in proper way for sewer or utilities*”
(*vote may be taken*) [\[Resolution\]](#) [\[Application\]](#)

E. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held February 13, 2025:

01-25-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 17.84 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (Change of Zone – Terminus of Caraway Drive); Petitioner/Property owner: Margaret Scaralia; **DENIED** by a unanimous vote of Ordinance Committee February 13, 2025 [\[Ordinance\]](#)
(For information purposes only – no vote to be taken)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (no votes)

Public comment may be permitted under this section, subject to time limitations, for **UNDOCKETED** items only. Written public comment 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 prior to the Council meeting.** All such written comments shall include your name and address. Copies will be provided to the City Council before the meeting and the record shall be noted. (Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

RE-APPOINTMENT of Kirk McDonough as Democratic member of the Canvassing Authority, as nominated by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-8-1, for the term beginning March 3, 2025 and ending March 2, 2031
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPONTMENT of Amy Grace Sloan as member of the Arts Commission for the term 02/24/2025 through 02/24/2028 (vote may be taken)

APPOINTMENT of Dr. Taino J. Palermo, Esq. to the Public Library Board of Trustees, as requested by the Chairman, Michal Goldberg, to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Cowart ending 07/31/2027 (resigned 01/30/2025)
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPONTMENT of Councilwoman Bridget R. Graziano to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee as Council Representative for the term 01/06/2025 through 01/04/2027 (vote may be taken)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS
None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION of Request from Assistant Chief Richard Mancini for one year continuation of service for the period October 16, 2024 through October 15, 2025

(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through February 18, 2025

(*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

From Council President Marino:

- Mayor – Mayoral duties and notification of absence in compliance with the City Charter [\[click to view\]](#) (*vote may be taken to accept letters into record*)
- Update from the Administration and discussion of fire incident at 460 Natick Ave. occurring November 18, 2024 to November 19, 2024; and cause of the fire, fire prevention for future, specific land and business uses at the location; safety and compliance; licensing; and status of inspections (*no votes*)

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

From Councilwoman Haroian:

- Budlong Pool Update

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

PETITION of Narragansett Electric for installation of new pole on Pontiac Ave. for AMF radio network; to be referred to the March 13, 2025 Public Works Committee

(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION of Narragansett Electric for installation of pole on Marion Ave S for AMF project; to be referred to Marh 13, 2025 Public Works Committee

(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

ORDINANCE 02-25-01 In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (135 Atwood Ave, Plat 12 / Lots 176 & 177); Petitioner/Owner: Michele Lombardi; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee March 13, 2025 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[Application\]](#)

ORDINANCE 02-25-02 In Amendment of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston (135 Atwood Ave, Plat 12 / Lots 176 & 177); Petitioner/Owner: Michele Lombardi; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee March 13, 2025

(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[Application\]](#)

ORDINANCE 02-25-03 In Amendment of Section 10.32.030 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee March 13, 2025
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

ORDINANCE 02-25-04 In Amendment of Section 10.32.020 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Stop Intersections – Enumerated’; Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee March 13, 2025
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of March 13, 2025 as follows:
(vote may be taken)

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Antonio Dos Santos	Vehicle Damage	01/10/2025
Jeremy Needham	Property Damage	01/20/2025
Basil DiStefano	Property Damage	02/09/2025

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (vote may be taken to move to executive session)
Upon a motion, second, and open call by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the City Council will convene in a closed session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or prospective or actual litigation matters as listed below:

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining:

Update on the Administration’s negotiations and contract details relative to:

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teamsters Local 251, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Municipal Employees for the term beginning July 1, 2024 (votes may be taken*)

Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Rhode Island Laborers’ District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, Providence, Rhode Island, of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, AFL-CIO for the term beginning July 1, 2024
(votes may be taken*)

XVIII. RETURN OPEN SESSION (vote may be taken)

**Upon return to open session, the presiding officer will report out any motions made in Executive Session, and may call for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session*

XIX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED (no votes taken)

RESIGNATION of Jennifer Cowart from the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees effective January 30, 2025 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

XX. ADJOURNMENT *(vote may be taken)*

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, on the city's website, at Cranston City Hall and at the Cranston Library on February 20, 2025