



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Christopher E. Buonanno, City-Wide

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Andy M. Andujar, Ward 3
Frank J. Ritz, Jr., Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 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 February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the *sealed* minutes of the February 24, 2025 Executive Session
(vote may be taken)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the March 3, 2025 City Council Ethics Workshop
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Joint City Council / Planning
Commission Workshop *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

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.

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION Recognizing March as Women’s History Month in Cranston; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilman Andujar, Councilman Campopiano, Council President Marino, Councilman Ritz, Council Vice-President Wall, Councilwoman Graziano, and Councilman Traficante

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

RESOLUTION In Memory of Rick Gebhart; Sponsored by Councilwoman Graziano

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

RESOLUTION In support of H-5789 Making an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Meshanticut Lake Paved Walking Path in Cranston; Sponsored by Councilman Traficante and Councilman Campopiano (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION In Support of Governor Daniel J. McKee’s Litter Free Rhode Island Campaign; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Councilman Andujar, Councilman Traficante, Councilwoman Graziano, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilman Ritz, Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Campopiano, and Council Vice-President Wall

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

RESOLUTION Recognizing April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in Cranston; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Councilman Andujar, Councilman Traficante, Councilwoman Graziano, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilman Ritz, Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Campopiano, and Council Vice-President Wall

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

RESOLUTION In Support of Rhode Island General Assembly Legislation Eliminating Taxation of Social Security Income; Sponsored by Council President Marino and Council Vice-President Wall (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Haroian, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held March 3, 2025:*

(nothing to report) (no vote)

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held March 3, 2025:*

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Committee March 3, 2025

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

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of February, 2025 as recommended by the City Treasurer and recommended for approval by the Committee March 3, 2025 (vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held March 13, 2025:
(nothing to report) (no vote)

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

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; Recommended for approval by the 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; Recommended for approval by the 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; Recommended for approval by the Committee March 13, 2025
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

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
None

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through March 24, 2025
(*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

CONSIDERATION of Request from Fire Chief Daniel Marcinko for one year continuation of service for the period March 3, 2025 through March 3, 2026
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

None

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

From Councilwoman Haroian:

- Budlong Pool Update

From Councilman Andujar:

- Providence Water Lead Replacement Service; grants; solicitation

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

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*” (cont’d from 2/24/2025)
(*vote may be taken*) [\[Resolution\]](#) [\[App\]](#) [\[Assessor Letter\]](#) [\[Deeds & Easements\]](#)

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 (cont’d from 2/24/2025)
(*vote may be taken*) [\[Ordinance\]](#)

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

03-25-01 ORDINANCE Ratifying the Teamsters, Local Union 251, Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; to be referred to Finance Committee April 7, 2025 (*vote may be taken*)
[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[red-lined contract\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#)

03-25-02 ORDINANCE Ratifying the LIUNA, Local Union 1322, Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; to be referred to Finance Committee April 7, 2025 *(vote may be taken)*

[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[red-lined contract\]](#) [\[clean contract\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#)

03-25-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 2, Chapters 20 and 28, to the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Administration and Personnel”; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; to be referred to Ordinance Committee April 17, 2025

(vote may be taken) [\[Ordinance\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkins’ appointment of Frank Corrao as Director of the Department of Public Works; to be referred to Finance Committee April 7, 2025 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of April 17, 2025 as follows:
(vote may be taken)

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Marianne Matos	Property Damage	01/20/2025
Jennifer Ranaldi	Vehicle Damage	02/16/2025
Lori DiChristopher	Vehicle Damage	11/07/2024
Madeline Marcantonio & Jacqueline Bouchard	Property Damage	09/13/2023
Sandra DeCristofano	Property Damage	02/16/2025
Laura Barron	Vehicle Damage	02/14/2025

XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED *(no votes taken)*
None

XVIII. 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 March 20, 2025