



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Daniel R. 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 J. Ritz, Jr., Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM. in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 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 March 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 12, 2025 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATION in Recognition of Savong Sam for his role in assisting the Cranston Police Department in the location of missing woman, Linda DaLomba (no vote)
[\[click to view\]](#)

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 Recognizing May 4 – 10, 2025 as the 56th Annual Municipal Clerks Week; sponsored by Council President Marino (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION In Recognition of the importance of the annual Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide; sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian, Council Vice-President Wall and Council President Marino (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of April 7, 2025: Report of Claims Paid April, 2025 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Haroian, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held April 7, 2025:

NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE (vote may be taken)

OVER CAP REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Merlinos, LLC d/b/a Merlinos Pizzeria located at 889 Dyer Ave.; Jeffrey Merlino
Hours: Wed-Sun 12pm-9pm

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

- RI Division of Taxation Letter of Good Standing

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held April 7, 2025:

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the committee April 7, 2025 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of March, 2025 as recommended by the City Treasurer and recommended for approval by the committee April 7, 2025 (vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkins' appointment of Frank Corrao as Director of the Department of Public Works; as recommended for approval by the committee April 7, 2025 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

03-25-01 ORDINANCE Ratifying the Teamsters, Local Union 251, Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; recommended for approval by the committee April 7, 2025 (vote may be taken)

[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#) [\[Contract - Final\]](#)

03-25-02 ORDINANCE Ratifying the LIUNA, Local Union 1322, Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; recommended for approval by the committee April 7, 2025 (*vote may be taken*)
[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[red-lined contract\]](#) [\[clean contract\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#)

04-25-01 ORDINANCE Amending the City of Cranston 2024-2025 Municipal Budget (Director of Public Works Salary); Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; recommended for approval by the committee April 17, 2025 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held April 17, 2025:
(*nothing to report*) (*no vote*)

E. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held April 17, 2025:

3-25-03 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; recommended for approval as Amended by the committee April 17, 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

APPOINTMENT of Anthony Mastantuono as Republican member of the Board of Canvassers for the unexpired term ending March 5, 2029; as nominated by Mayor Hopkins; in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-8-1
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Louis P. Petrucci, Jr. as Licensed Electrician to the Building Appeals Board for the term March 3, 2025 through March 4, 2030 (*vote may be taken*)

RE-APPOINTMENT of Kristina Brown to the Affordable Housing Commission, as member appointed by the Council Majority Party, for the two-year term January 6, 2025 through January 4, 2027 *(no vote)*

RE-APPOINTMENT of Amy Rainone to the Affordable Housing Commission, as member appointed by the City Council, for the two-year term January 6, 2025 through January 4, 2027 *(vote may be taken)*

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

PRESENTATION by Registrar/Director of Elections, Nicholas Lima, relative to the implications of the SAVE Act, President Trump’s Executive Order, and the cuts to federal funding/support for election security; and **DISCUSSION**
(no vote) [\[click to view presentation\]](#)

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through April 22, 2025
(no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

CONSIDERATION of Request from Detective Lieutenant Stephen E. Brooks of the Cranston Police Department for one year continuation of service for the period April 2, 2025 through April 2, 2026 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS *(no votes)*
None

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS *(no votes)*
None

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER
None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

04-25-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 030 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated’; Sponsored by Councilman Andujar; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 15, 2025
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

04-25-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 040 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘No Parking on Certain Streets’; Sponsored by Councilman Andujar; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 15, 2025
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION “School Transportation Resolution for Out of District, Homeless and Private School Students”; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Traficante, and Council President Marino; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 15, 2025
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION “School Transportation Resolution in Support of H-5420 & S-636 & S-397; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno and Councilman Traficante; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 15, 2025 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION “Public Schools Fair Funding Formula”; Sponsored by Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Traficante, Council President Marino and Councilman Campopiano; to be referred to Ordinance Committee May 15, 2025 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION from Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England, Inc. for placement of new pole on Cranston Street; to be referred to May 15, 2025 Public Works Committee
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION from Narragansett Electric for installation of new pole on Woonasquatucket River Greenway; to be referred to May 15, 2025 Public Works Committee
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of May 5, 2025 as follows:
(*vote may be taken*)

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Fernando Espaillat	Vehicle Damage	12/11/2024
Joseph Goncalo	Vehicle Damage	02/18/2025
Edgar Perez	Vehicle Damage	04/08/2025
Patricia Cipriano	Vehicle Damage	10/29/2024
Greg Bastia	Vehicle Damage	03/01/2025
Duane Erwin	Personal Injury	03/24/2025
Lovette Robinson	Bodily Injury	09/12/2024

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 April 24, 2025