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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, November 14, 2022 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by the Chair.

Present                      Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino  
                                    Councilman Richard D. Campopiano  
                                    Councilman John P. Donegan  
                                    Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Vice-Chair  
                                    Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri, Chair  
                                    Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Absent:                      Councilman Matthew R. Reilly

Also Present:              Councilwoman Aniece Germain  
                                    Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas  
                                    Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff (appeared via Zoom)  
                                    Thomas Zidelis, Finance Director  
                                    John Verdecchia, Asst. City Solicitor  
                                    Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel  
                                    Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk  
                                    Ron Ronzio, Stenographer

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to dispense with the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

#### **Councilwoman Vargas:**

- *City of Cranston Lien Tracking System (Cont. from 9/12/2022 and 10/3/2022)*

**Councilwoman Vargas** questioned what the City has in place in the nuisance liens.

**Director Zidelis** stated that he tried to ascertain what Councilwoman Vargas meant to as far as liens and after this conversation, he can follow up and get a more comprehensive report answering the specific question.

**Councilwoman Vargas** asked that the information be forwarded to the Clerk for her to forward to the City Council and this item can be removed from the agenda pending this information is received prior to the next meeting.

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

*None.*

## **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS\* and/or NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

None.

### **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

- ***Real Estate Tax Abatements***

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to recommend of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by the City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements***

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to recommend of this list of Tax Abatements as recommended by the City Assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Tax Interest Waiver Approvals***

On motion by Councilwoman Marino, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to recommend of this list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman Marino, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilwoman Renzulli -1.

- ***Tax Interest Waiver Denials***

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilwoman Marino, it was voted to recommend of this list of Tax Interest Waiver Denials as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Acting City Clerk