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## **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by the Chair.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Christopher E. Buonanno  
Councilwoman Bridget R Graziano  
Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian  
Council Vice-President Daniel Wall, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Andy Andujar, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio

Absent: Councilman Richard D. Campopiano

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel  
Thomas Zidelis, Director of Finance  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

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

- **Approval of minutes of the March 13, 2025 regular meeting**

On motion by Councilman Buonanno, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 13, 2025 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

*None*

### **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

*None.*

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

**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

**Councilwoman Haroian** recused and left the room.

On motion by Councilman Buonanno, seconded by Council Vice-President Wall, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

On motion by Council Vice-President Wall, seconded by Councilman Buonanno, it was voted to amend the above Ordinances as follow: Section 3, after “take effect”, delete “upon its final adoption” and add “January 1, 2026”. Motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian recusing.

On motion by Councilman Buonanno, seconded by Councilwoman Graziano, it was voted to recommend approval of the above Ordinance as amended.

### **Under Discussion:**

**Director Zidelis** stated that he believes that direct deposits have gone out without our knowledge that the individual has passed and the only recovery is there is a lawsuit which he believes has been commenced. The purpose of this Ordinance is to try to ferret out when people pass. This is a common place occurrence with pension systems and the intent is to prevent these situations.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance as amended and motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Haroian recusing.

## **VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

*None*

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees