



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Lammis J. Vargas, Vice President, Ward 1
Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
Nicole Renzulli, City-Wide

Aniece Germain, Ward 2
John P. Donegan, Ward 3
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
VACANT, Ward 6

AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, August 28, 2023 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.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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YouTube Live Stream

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtE9vwA1B1PQHuftrNPcZjg>.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (vote may be taken)

Approval of the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Citations of Congratulations to the ~~12~~ 9-10-year-old Cranston West Little League Softball team, State Champions (cont'd from 7/24/23)

Citations of Congratulations to the 10-year-old Cranston West Little League / CLCF Baseball team, State Champions

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT (Votes may be taken)

Public hearings are limited to docketed subject matters. Public comment may be permitted and will be subject to time limitations. Such hearings and comments do not include the introduction of new matters before the Council (see Section XVI herein).

Written public comment is accepted and 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 before the Council meeting. All such written comments will be identified by name, address, date, and shall be provided to council members before the meeting and the record shall be so noted.

(Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

For meetings occurring via a collaboration platform (i.e., Zoom), those members of the public then present in the audience may be allowed to comment by calling in to the meeting at 1-888-788-0099 or by appearing on screen.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held August 7, 2023

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Approvals** for the month of July, 2023 as requested by the City Treasurer (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Denials** for the month of July, 2023 as requested by the City Treasurer (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

7-23-01 ORDINANCE Authorizing the City to utilize Eastern Cranston Police Impact Fees and Western Cranston Police Impact Fees towards Police Rent; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held August 17, 2023

RESOLUTION Officially Naming the City of Cranston Park located at the Intersection of Cranston Street, Park Avenue, and Phenix Avenue "Itri Park"; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Co-Sponsored by Councilmen Paplauskas, Campopiano, and Donegan, Council Vice-President Vargas, and Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE:** August 7, 2023 claims paid (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (*no votes*)

*Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for **UNDOCKETED** items only. Speaker to state name and address clearly for the record. Comments are limited to four minutes.*

X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Re-appointment of Carlos D. Zambrano to the Zoning Board of Review for the term of July 23, 2023 to July 23, 2028 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 - August 22, 2023
(no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. From Planning Director Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (no vote)
- C. From the Administration: Budlong Pool Public Meeting (no vote)
- D. From the Administration: Governor's Learn 365 Program (no vote)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

- 1. Well wishes for a happy and safe return to school; a happy Labor Day; and end of summer
- 2. Status of Municipal Court Clerk position
- 3. Status of Budlong Pool

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

From Councilwoman Renzulli: Update on Learn365RI Funding

From Councilman Donegan: Providence Water Lead Service Line Replacement Project

From Council Vice-President Vargas: Schedule of Pawtuxet Village / Stillhouse Cove trash can pickup

From Councilwoman Germain: Update on the Budlong Pool Project plan; Request for the report on the conditions of Budlong Pool; Timeline for groundbreaking work

From Councilwoman Germain: Street paving: Discussion on the neglected southern streets of Park Ave.; Explanation of the streets that have not been paved for 35 years

From Councilwoman Germain: Discussion on the Sewer Infrastructure Bond; What is the amount available?

From Councilwoman Germain: Discussion on street flooding issues: Richard St, Clarence St, Arthur St, Greenwood St, Garden St, Magnolia St, and Budlong Manor areas. Do we continue to wait and see or do something? What should we do?

From Councilman Ferri: 1025 Phenix Ave; Inquiring as to the intended use of the construction that is taking place; and to as to any building permits or zoning applications

From Councilman Ferri: Costco update

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER (Votes may be taken)
None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS (Votes may be taken)

New Business items are listed for reference and for a vote to be referred to the appropriate Council sub-committee for public hearing

RESOLUTION To enter into a Construction & Maintenance Agreement with RIDOT for Safety Improvements on Atwood Ave; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Refer to Public Works Committee of September 14, 2023
(vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION to Save Budlong Pool; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Council President Marino; Refer to Finance Committee of September 11, 2023
(vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

8-23-01 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Dyer Avenue Pedestrian Activated Signal; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; Refer to Public Works Committee of September 14, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

8-23-02 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 10.32 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking on Specific Streets"; Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano; Refer to Ordinance Committee of September 14, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

8-23-03 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 12, Chapter 08, Section 050 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled "Repair of Defective Sidewalks - Generally"; Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain; Refer to Ordinance Committee of September 14, 2023 (vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

8-23-04 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12, Section 250 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled "Crosswalks Enumerated"; Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain; Refer to Ordinance Committee of September 14, 2023
(vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of September 11, 2023 as follows: (vote may be taken)

<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</u>
Personal Injury	Janet Vignone	July 8, 2023
Property Damage	Sonya Poydras	July 16, 2023
Personal Injury	Roger Dominguez Henriquez	June 18, 2023
Personal Injury	Donovan Medeiros	June 21, 2023
Property Damage	Sarah Medeiros	June 21, 2023
Property Damage	Mary Chase	May 24, 2023

Property Damage	Brian Montgomery	July 18, 2023
Property Damage	Kim Cross	July 17, 2023

XVII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

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 August 24, 2023