



# CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Monthly Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide  
Lamnis 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  
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

## AMENDED\* AGENDA

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, November 27, 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.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (*votes may be taken*)

Approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

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Approval of the sealed minutes of the October 23, 2023 Executive Session

**V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

*None*

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

Public hearings are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. 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 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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**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held November 6, 2023

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

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Denials** for the month of October, 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 Tangible Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** proposing Recognition of the Community Builders Grant Program Funded by the OneCranston Health Equity Zone of Comprehensive Community Action, Inc. (CCAP) within each City Ward; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri and Council President Marino; co-sponsored by Councilman Donegan, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Councilwoman Germain. (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held November 16, 2023

**10-23-02 ORDINANCE** in Amendment of Title 13 – Public Services, Chapter 13.08 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Sewer Service System’; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins. (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE**: November 6, 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.

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**X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**APPOINTMENT** of member of the City Council to serve on the **Advisory Committee on Parks and Recreation** through January 6, 2025; per Section 11.06 of the Cranston City Charter (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Robert Santurri, Jr. to the **Tax Assessment Board of Review** as Member 3, replacing Michael Saccoccio, for the term ending January 5, 2026; per Section 7.14 of the Cranston City Charter (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Elisabeth Bettis as member of the **Juvenile Hearing Board**, replacing Stephen Quartino, for the term December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2026; per Ch. 2.72. of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Kathryn Crowley to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** as Alternate 1, replacing Elisabeth Bettis, for the term December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2024; per Ch. 2.72. of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Kristen Haroian to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** for the term December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2026; per Ch. 2.72. of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*None*

**XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 – November 21, 2023  
(*no vote*) [[click to view](#)]

From Planning Director Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (*no vote*)

**XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS** (*no votes*)

RI Veterans Food Donation Drive sponsored by Council President Jessica Marino in support of Operation Stand Down RI from November 14 until November 30, 2023

**XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS** (*no votes*)

*From Councilwoman Renzulli:*

1. Status of Open Grant Applications (cont'd)

*From Council Vice President Vargas:*

1. Property located at 1890 Broad Street
  - Who is the property owner?
  - Have they pulled any permits for demolition or construction?
  - Have they made any application to the planning or zoning board for renovation?
  - Has the building dept. or fire dept. inspected the property recently for health and safety; and if so, where are the reports?
  - Why is the property not secured? It is next to a public school.
  - Has the state reached out to the city's administration about possible development and use of the building?

*From Councilwoman Germain:*

1. Discussion on Park Theater proposal
  - Update on the 360 Learn grant.
  - Why isn't the Park Theater considered?
2. Dangerous traffic at the intersection of Park Ave. and Pontiac and Rolfe Square
  - Would there be a change for a fix?

**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 a public hearing.*

**11-23-01 ORDINANCE** in Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 225 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘No Parking – Commercial Vehicles’; Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee December 7, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**11-23-02 ORDINANCE** in Amendment of Title 5 – Business Licenses and Regulation, Chapter 16, of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Amusement Machines and Pool Tables’; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri; to be referred to Ordinance Committee December 7, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Supporting “Complete Streets”; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilman Ferri; referred to the Public Works Committee December 7, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Transferring \$242,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Allocated for the Purpose of Improving City of Cranston School Playgrounds; Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas and Councilwoman Renzulli; referred to the Finance Committee December 4, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Supporting a legislative act of the Rhode Island General Assembly that enables the City of Cranston to seek approval of its voters to issue bonds and notes for the construction, purchase, and/or acquisition of land and buildings, renovation, landscaping, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing, and equipping of and/or additions to Cranston Public School buildings; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Councilman Donegan; Referred to the Finance Committee December 4, 2023 *(vote may be taken)* [\[Click for Resolution\]](#) [\[Legislation\]](#)

**CLAIMS** to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of ~~November 6~~, \* **December 4**, 2023 as follows: *(vote may be taken)*

<b>TYPE OF CLAIM</b>	<b>CLAIMANT</b>	<b>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</b>
Prop. Damage & Injury	Roberto J. Perretta	July 6, 2023
Property Damage	Eugene Dybala	September 25, 2023
Property Damage	Wendy Zimman Smith	October 13, 2023
Property Damage	Michael R. Hayden	October 21, 2023
Property Damage	John Casey	November 13, 2023
Bodily Injury	Danny Rodriguez (on behalf of minor child)	October 13, 2023

**XVII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** (no votes taken)

Proposed 2024 City Council / Committee meeting schedule [\[click to view\]](#)

Proposed 2024 Planning Commission calendar [\[click to view\]](#)

Proposed 2024 Quarter 1 Municipal Court calendar [\[click to view\]](#)

**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 November 21, 2023*

*Amended agenda posted November 21, 2023*