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## **SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-JANUARY 30, 2023-**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Monday, January 30, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Reilly (appeared at 5:45 p.m. and left at 7:13 p.m.), Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino -9.

Also Present: Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff; Christopher Millea, City Solicitor; Christopher Rawson, Assistant City Solicitor; Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst.



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# **CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **Special Meeting - Docket**

**Council President Jessica M. Marino**

***MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.***

Special meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held **in the Cranston City Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, \*in accordance with the RI General Laws Chapter 45-24-53 for the purpose of considering the ***following items listed on the docket.***

\*If remote participation is required under the Governor's Executive Orders due to Covid-19 restrictions, login information will be used and agenda will be posted at the Cranston City Hall, on [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov) and [www.cranstonri.org](http://www.cranstonri.org).

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Webinar ID: 841 0637 4012

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International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84499876543>

Those participating by telephone who wish to speak during the public hearing are asked to press \*9 to “raise hand” to be recognized by the Council President. Those participating via the web may utilize the “raise hand” button.

### ***Youtube Live Stream***

The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube. Click the link below to view the meeting. You will only be able to watch the proceedings.

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

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## **Agenda and Docketed Matters Before the Council**

- **Call to order** by Council President; council members attendance taken  
*(No votes taken)*

In Accordance with Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter and Section 2.04.060 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on **Monday, January 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. sec. 42-46-5(a)(2)--Session Pertaining to Litigation.**

- **Gazmend Rashiti and Valibone Rashiti v. City of Cranston, Robert Tortorella, and Daryl Fish v. Narragansett Improvement Company, C.A. No. PC-2015-3501** *(No votes taken)*

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- **Adjournment:** *(Vote will be taken)*

I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this   24<sup>th</sup>   day of   January  , 2023.

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*/s/ Jessica M. Marino, Council President*



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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special meeting of the City Council to be held on, Monday, January 30, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island and via Zoom Webinar, was delivered via regular mail and electronic mail on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023. to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Acting City Clerk

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**Council President Marino** asked who is legal counsel for this matter. Director Moretti stated that Attorney Michael Lepizzera is. Council President Marino asked if there is anyone present from the Solicitor's Office. Director Moretti stated that Solicitors Millea and Rawson are also present.

**Council President Marino** asked how long Attorney Lepizzera has been assigned to this case. Solicitor Millea stated that this should be discussed in Executive Session since the matter was filed. Council President Marino stated that this is public record information so it does not need to be discussed in Executive Session. Solicitor Millea stated that Attorney Lepizzera has been on this case since the matter was filed.

**Council President Marino** deferred to Attorney Angell.

**Attorney Angell** stated that he has been asked to speak about what can be talked about the representation in this matter. It is his understanding that you can talk about matters of public record, it is in the Court file, but we are not able to talk about other matters that be privileged certainly or attorney work product that may be discussed with the Council, but matters of public record can be discussed with the Council in Open Session.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino -8. Councilman Reilly was not present for roll call vote.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Reilly (appeared at 5:45 p.m.), Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino; Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff; Christopher Millea, City Solicitor; Christopher Rawson, Assistant City Solicitor; Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst and Attorney Michael Lepizzera.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Reilly, Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino -9.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Vargas and Council President Marino -8. Councilman Reilly was not present for roll call vote.

**Council President Marino** indicated that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Rosalba Zanni  
Acting City Clerk