



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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

AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2024 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 January 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLUTION Recognizing February as Children’s Dental Health Month; Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Paplauskas, and Councilman Campopiano
(vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the *CLAIMS COMMITTEE*
February, 2024 Claims Paid (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the *SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE* meeting held February 5, 2024

01-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005 Entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations”; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Marino; Referred out of the Safety Services Committee February 5, 2024 **Scrivener’s errors to be corrected** (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

01-24-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 04, Section 100 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “Fees for Licenses, Permits and Recordings.”; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Marino; Referred out of the Safety Services Committee February 5, 2024; (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the *FINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held February 5, 2024:

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **APPROVALS** for the month of January, 2024 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 Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT on Mayor Hopkins’ Appointment of Robert Ryan as Fire Chief; Referred out of the Finance Committee February 5, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held February 15, 2024:

E. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held February 15, 2024:

9-23-05 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 17 Zoning, Chapter 17.36.010 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Industrial Uses'; Sponsored by Council President Marino; As Amended 09/25/2023 & 01/11/2024; Referred out of the Ordinance Committee February 15, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)
[\[click to view Planning Commission Recommendation\]](#) [\[click to view Fiscal Note\]](#)

1-24-01 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Stopping, Standing, and Parking on Specific Streets” (Stop Intersection at Plantation Drive, Elm Drive, and Magazine Street); Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth Hopkins and Councilwoman Renzulli; Referred out of the Ordinance Committee February 14, 2024

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Proposing Amendment to Section 4.02 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place on the Ballot the following as a Referendum Question (Chapter 4, Department of Records, Section 4.02 Judge of Probate); Sponsored by Council President Marino; As Amended 02/15/2024; Referred out of the Ordinance Committee February 15, 2024

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Proposing Amendment to Section 8.01 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place on the Ballot the Following as a Referendum Question (Department of Law); Sponsored by Council President Marino; As Amended 02/15/2024; Referred out of the Ordinance Committee February 15, 2024

(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for UNDOCKETED items only. 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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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

APPOINTMENT of Ivy Swinski to the Zoning Board of Review, replacing Paula McFarland, for the term expiring July 28, 2024. *(vote may be taken)*

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Presentation by the Tax Assessor, Kenneth Mallette, relative to the 2023 Revaluation *(no vote taken)*

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 to February 26, 2024 *(no vote)* [\[click to view\]](#)

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

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

Update from Administration regarding the status of the City's participation in the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's Community Septic System Loan Program

Flooding events from September to current throughout the City; status of FEMA, State and other assistance; remediation and mitigation efforts

Update on status of the audit

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

None

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER (votes may be taken)

None

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

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

02-24-01 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2, of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled "Committees, Commissions, and Councils"; Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli; Refer to Ordinance Committee March 14, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

02-24-02 ORDINANCE in Amendment of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cranston, 2012, As Amended (20 Goddard Drive, Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39); as requested by Owner/Applicant – 200 Goddard LLC; Refer to Ordinance Committee March 14, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

02-24-03 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Zoning" (20 Goddard Drive, Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 39); as requested by Owner/Applicant 20 Goddard LLC; Refer to Ordinance Committee March 14, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

02-24-04 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 17 (Zoning), Section 17.120.020 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Procedure for Adoption or Amendment'; Sponsored by Council President Marino; Refer to Ordinance Committee March 14, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

02-24-05 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Chapter 3.08 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Board of Contract and Purchase'; Sponsored by Council President Marino; Refer to Ordinance Committee March 14, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION In Support of Fully Funding State Aid to Libraries to the Full Twenty-five percent (25%); Sponsored by Council President Marino and Councilwoman Renzulli; Refer to Finance Committee March 4, 2024
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of March 4, 2024 as follows:
(vote may be taken)

<i>TYPE OF CLAIM</i>	<i>CLAIMANT</i>	<i>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</i>
Property Damage	Jeffrey Charest	January 13, 2024
Property Damage	Ken & Saron Fratantuono	January 13, 2024
Property Damage	Christiana Capravelli	January 12, 2024
Property Damage	Erika Kruse Weller	January 9, 2024
Personal Injury	Amy Silva	December 24, 2021
Property Damage	Virginia Kowal	“last snowstorm”
Property Damage	Sharon Lavigne	January 28, 2024
Property Damage	Brittney Blanchette	January 28, 2024
Property Damage	Wendy Murray/Judith Bresette	February 7, 2024
Property Damage	Susan Ciorlano	February 13, 2024
Property Damage	John Faella	February 13, 2024

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(vote may be taken to enter executive session)*

Upon a motion, second, and open call by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the City Council will convene in a closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to prospective and actual litigation matters as listed below:

Casale vs. City of Cranston (vote may be taken)*

XVIII. RETURN OPEN SESSION *(vote may be taken)*

**Upon return to open session, the Council President will report out any motions made in Executive Session, and may call for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session*

XIX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED

RE-APPOINTMENT of Ann Marie Maccarone, Esq. to the Board of Contract and Purchase, by Council President Marino, for the term January 1, 2024 to January 6, 2025

RE-APPONTMENT of Doris S. Blanchard to the Board of Contract and Purchase, by Council Majority Leader Donegan, for the term January 1, 2024 to January 6, 2025

XX. 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 February 22, 2024