



FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting of the Finance Committee will be held **in the City of Cranston Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Vote may be taken)

- A. Minutes of the January 8, 2023 regular meeting [\[click to view\]](#)

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

Councilman Donegan: (No Votes will be taken)

- **Exploration of Liability Policy for the City** (Cont. from 8/7/2023, 10/2/2023, 11/6/2023, 12/6/2023 & 1/8/2024)

12-23-01 **ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance”, Chapter 3.110 – Ten (10) Year Tax Stabilization for Property Located at Oaklawn Avenue (Plat 17-3, Lot 670) (Oaklawn Avenue Tax Stabilization). Sponsored by Council President Marino. (Cont. from 1/8/2024)**
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

12-23-02 **ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 3 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Revenue and Finance”, Chapter 3.111 – Ten (10) Year Tax Stabilization for Property Located at 320 Scituate Avenue (Scituate Avenue Tax Stabilization). Sponsored by Council President Marino. (Cont. from 1/8/2024)** (vote may be taken)
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V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is limited to the subject matter of docketed matters only. Written comment is accepted and may be submitted via email to this sub-committee of Council before the meeting at <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> no later than forty-eight hours before the committee meeting. All such written comment shall include the name of the person or entity offering comment, their home address, and it shall be signed and dated. All submissions shall be provided to committee members by the City Clerk before the meeting and the record shall be so noted.
(Vote will be taken to accept written testimony 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 who wish to testify are invited to do so by calling in to the meeting at 1-888-788-0099 or by appearing on screen.

VII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

A. Ordinances

None.

B. Resolutions

RESOLUTION Related to a Federal Grant to the City of Cranston valued at 7.2 Million Dollars. Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Donegan. (vote may be taken)

[\[click to view\]](#)

C. ***Real Estate Tax Abatements*** (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. ***Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements*** (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

E. ***Tax Interest Waiver Approvals*** (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

F. ***Tax Interest Waiver Denials*** (Vote may be taken)

None.

ADVICE AND CONSENT on Mayor Hopkins' Appointment of Robert Ryan as Fire Chief. (vote may be taken) [click to view]

Council President Marino: *(No Votes will be taken)*

- ***Legal Expense Reports – for fiscal year 2023 -2024: (1) a complete list of all law firms hired by the city and amounts invoiced; (2) a complete list of resolved and pending lawsuits; (3) the number and general nature of resolved and pending mediations or arbitrations; (4) a complete list of which city departments outside of the legal department have incurred legal expenses, and the reason for the departmental legal expenses, the amount invoiced and the status of those legal expenses."***

Councilman Donegan: *(No Votes will be taken)*

- ***Status of Community Center to be built on Duckworth St to be paid for by State/Federal grant funding.***
- ***Possible cost and energy saving projects funded by the 2020 energy bond.***
- ***Procedures for the city council or committee obtaining a fiscal note for ordinances or resolution adoption.***
- ***Status of Audit***

VIII. 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 Matter (Pending Litigation) (vote may be taken)*

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

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

X. ADJOURNMENT (*Vote will 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 January 31, 2024.