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SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-APRIL 15, 2026-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in the Cranston City Council Cranston City Hal, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by the Council President.

II. ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilwoman Graziano, Councilmen Andujar, Ritz, Traficante, Councilwoman Vaziri, Councilmen Campopiano, Buonanno, Council Vice-President Haroian and Council President Wall -9.

Also Present: Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Nicole Renzulli, Governmental Affairs & Communications Director; Christopher Millea, City Solicitor; Michael Marcello, City Council Legal Counsel; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee.



CITY OF CRANSTON RHODE ISLAND

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting of the City Council 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 viewing 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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YouTube Livestream

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>.

NOTE: There will be NO public participation at this meeting.

This Special Meeting of the Cranston City Council has been called by the Mayor, Kenneth J. Hopkins, pursuant to the Cranston City Charter Section §3.07 and Section 2.04.060 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

The members of the City Council listed on the attached certification have been notified as provided for in §3.07 of the Charter: Council President Daniel R. Wall, Council Vice-President Kristen E. Haroian, Councilman Richard D. Campopiano, Councilman Christopher E. Buonanno, Councilwoman Emilia Vaziri, Councilwoman Bridget R. Graziano, Councilman Andy M. Andujar; Councilman Frank J. Ritz, Jr., and Councilman Michael A. Traficante.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

* These new matters are referred for public hearing to the appropriate sub-committee of the Council. They are listed here for informational purposes for future consideration as part of the budget.

While hearing dates before the appropriate sub-committee have been established, they are subject to change. For current information related to hearing dates, the public is encouraged to consult the “City Calendar” feature on the City’s website at www.cranstonri.gov.

- Pursuant to Charter section §6.03, the City Council welcomes Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins to deliver his budget message, and to introduce the City’s operating budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027 as follows:

RESOLUTION Adopting the Operating Budget and Salary Schedule for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Insurance Fund and the Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the four succeeding years.* To be referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings. *(No vote to be taken)*

ORDINANCE Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.* To be referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings *(No vote to be taken)*

RESOLUTION Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, pursuant to Charter §6.11.* To be referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings. *(No vote to be taken)*

ORDINANCE Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable, and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty.* To be referred to Special Finance Committee Meetings *(No vote to be taken)*

Fixing the time and place for public hearings on the Operating and Capital Budgets. *(No vote to be taken).*

- ***2026-2027 Budget Hearing Notice** – This notice is attached for informational purposes to provide the public with the dates, times, and access to the sub-committee meeting at which each department-level budget will be discussed and at which the public will be heard. Hearing dates are subject to change. Please consult the City website calendar (mentioned previously herein) for updated information. *(No vote to be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

IV. ADJOURNMENT *(Vote may be taken)*

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 13th day of April, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island was delivered via electronic mail on the 13th day of April, 2026 to the email addresses listed below:

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Pursuant to RIGL § 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 Cranston Library on April 13, 2026

Council President Wall called on Mayor Hopkins for his Budget address.

Mayor Hopkins presented his Budget address for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

***(See Copy of Mayor's Budget address attached).

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Minutes approved as written May 18, 2026

Attest: Tracy A. Nelson, City Clerk