



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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***AMENDED AGENDA**

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, April 20, 2026 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. Remote participation is offered using the login information provided below, as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND CITATIONS

- ***Citations congratulating Julia Rego, Grace Petitbon and Lexi Montalban in recognition of their creativity and engagement in civics for designing a new I Voted Stickers selected by the Board of Canvassers for use in the 2026 elections in the City of Cranston, which shall be the first ever I Voted Stickers created by a local student in the history of the State of Rhode Island. (No Votes)***
- ***Citation congratulating Steven Piscopiello of his selection as the 2026 recipient of the John “Jack” Cronin Award by the Rhode Island Recreation and Parks Association. This distinguished honor reflects your exceptional leadership and steadfast dedication to advancing the parks and recreation throughout the City of Cranston. (No Votes)***
- ***Citation Recognizing the Department of Public Works for its Critical Contributions During the 2026 Blizzard (No Votes)***

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (vote may be taken)

- ***Approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting (Vote may be taken)*** [\[click to view\]](#)
- ***Approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Special Council Meeting (Vote may be taken)*** [\[click to view\]](#)
- ***Approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Special Council Meeting (Vote may be taken)*** [\[click to view\]](#)
- ***Approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Special Council Meeting (Vote may be taken)*** [\[click to view\]](#)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – DOCKETED ITEMS

Public hearings under this section are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. Public comment may be permitted and may be subject to time limitations.

Written public comment may be submitted via email to <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the Council meeting in order to be provided to the City Council before the meeting. All such written comments shall include your name and address. *(Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)* Members of the public may also participate in public comment by accessing the zoom link referenced on the first page and using the "raise your hand" feature. For those without access to video observation platforms, you may also call in to the meeting by dialing 1-888-788-0099 and pressing *9 to raise your hand during public comment.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Proclaiming April 2026 Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month.
Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins, Council Vice-President Haroian and Council President Wall. (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

~~****Resolution in support of the State of Rhode Island General Assembly amending Cranston Tax Exemptions.***~~ ~~*(Vote may be taken)*~~ ~~[\[click to view\]](#)~~

Resolution in Support of Fully Funding State Aid to Libraries to the Full Twenty-Five (25%) Percent. *Sponsored by Councilmen Campopiano, Buonanno and Council President Wall. (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)*

Resolution honoring Rosalba Zanni for her years of service and dedication to the City of Cranston. *Sponsored by Councilwoman Vaziri, Councilmen Campopiano, Buonanno, Councilwoman Graziano, Councilmen Andujar, Ritz, Traficante, Council Vice-President Haroian and Council President Wall. (Vote may be taken)*

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Vaziri, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE meeting of April 6, 2026 Claims Paid (No Vote) [\[click to view\]](#)***
- B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Haroian, on the SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE meeting held April 6, 2026 (No Action, No Vote)***

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held April 6, 2026: (Vote may be taken)

1. **3-26-01 Ordinance ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rhode Island Laborers District Council 1322, Tradespeople/Mechanic Unit.** Introduced Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1. [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) [\[click to view Fiscal Note\]](#) [\[click to view CBA\]](#) (Vote may be taken)
2. **Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals** (Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Advice and Consent of Mayor Hopkin's appointment of Robert Strom as Finance Director. (Votes may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held April 6, 2026 (No Action, No Vote)

E. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held April 1, 2026: (No Action, No Vote)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (No Vote)

Public comment may be permitted under this section, 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

- **Re-appointment of Carol Cooney to the Tax Assessment Board of Review for term 1/5/2026 through 1/5/2029** (Vote may be taken)
- **Re-appointment of Justin McCarthy as Alternate 1 to the Tax Assessment Board of Review for term 1/28/2026 through 1/28/2029** (Vote may be taken)
- **Re-appointment of Mario Carlino as Alternate 2 to the Tax Assessment Board of Review for term 1/28/2026 through 1/28/2029** (Vote may be taken)

Mayoral Appointments:

- *Re-appointment of Robert Coupe to the Planning Commission for term April 7, 2026 through February 1, 2030. (Info. only. No vote to be taken)*
- *Appointment of Alan DePalo to the Historic District Commission for term April 3, 2026 through November 1, 2027. (Info. only. No vote to be taken)*
- *Appointment of John Colasante to the Historic District Commission for term April 3, 2026 through November 1, 2027. (Info. only. No vote to be taken)*
- *Appointment of Eric Army to the Historic District Commission for term April 3, 2026 through November 1, 2026. (Info. only. No vote to be taken)*
- *Re-appointment of Jillian Finkle to the Historic District Commission for term April 3, 2026 through November 1, 2028. (Info. only. No vote to be taken)*

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis (No Vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

Request to be continued in service for one year, Detective Lieutenant Stephen Brooks, Cranston Police Department, as of April 2, 2026 through April 2, 2027. (Vote may be taken)

Request to be placed on pension roll effective April 17, 2026, at end of day, Chief Daniel Marcinko, Cranston Fire Department. (Vote may be taken)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (No Vote)

- *Budget Process.*

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (No Vote)

None.

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER (No Vote)

None.

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

The following items of new business are listed for reference and for a vote to be referred to the appropriate Council sub-committee for a public hearing. The Council President may call for a motion to consider one or more of the new business items as a block:

- 4-26-01** ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 020 and Section 030 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005 entitled “Stop Intersections-Enumerated” and “Multi Stop Intersections-Enumerated” (Alpine Estates Dr./Caraway Dr.). Sponsored by Councilman Ritz. To Be Referred to Ordinance Committee May 6, 2026.***
[\[click to view\]](#)
- 4-26-02** ***Ordinance in amendment of Title 3, Chapter 08, Section 050 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, entitled “Tax Assessment Board of Review”. Sponsored by Council President Wall. To Be Referred to Ordinance Committee May 6, 2026.***
[\[click to view\]](#)
- 4-26-03** ***Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston as amended, entitled “Zoning”. Sponsored by Councilman Andujar. To Be Referred to Ordinance Committee June 3, 2026.***
[\[click to view\]](#)
- 4-26-04** ***Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston as amended, entitled “Zoning”. Sponsored by Councilman Andujar. To Be Referred to Ordinance Committee June 3, 2026.***
[\[click to view\]](#)

****Resolution in support of the State of Rhode Island General Assembly amending Cranston Tax Exemptions. To Be Referred to Finance Committee May 4, 2026***
[\[click to view\]](#)

Advise and Consent of Mayor’s appointment of Richard Mancini as Fire Chief. To Be Referred to Finance Committee May 4, 2026. [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of May 4, 2026 as follows:
(Vote may be taken)

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Dean Estates I, LLC and Winn Management Co.	Property Damage	3/20/2024
CSM, LLP/USAA/ Jason Vonkriegenbergh	Property Damage	11/30/2025

Taryn Gilchrist	Property Damage	1/26/2026
Joanne Cournoyer	Property Damage	2/12/2026
Chad San Bento	Property Damage	2/22/2026
Peter & Lorraine Ignagni	Property Damage	2/23/2026
Peter & Alexandra Mason	Property Damage	2/24/2026
Joan Prior	Property Damage	2/24/2026
Antonia Lee/Allstate	Property Damage	2/24/2026
Clare Kim	Property Damage	2/27/2026
Roberta Preziosi	Property Damage	2/27/2026
Dana Holmgren	Property Damage	2/27/2026
Joseph Scianna	Property Damage	2/28/2026
Leonard Wyeth	Property Damage	2/28/2026
Edward Gourke	Property Damage	2/28/2026
Emely Lopez	Property Damage	3/1/2026
Paula Rocha	Property Damage	3/2/2026
Mason Daurado	Property Damage	3/2/2026
Janice Olivier	Property Damage	3/2/2026
Abir Al Najjar	Property Damage	3/3/2026
Kira Judd	Property Damage	3/3/2026
Ashley Branagan	Property Damage	3/3/2026
Kayla Clunan	Property Damage	3/4/2026
Stephanie Enright	Property Damage	3/4/2026
Taressa McMahon	Property Damage	3/4/2026
Patrick McAssey	Property Damage	3/4/2026
Cau Le	Property Damage	3/4/2026
Hunter Pierce	Property Damage	3/5/2026
Elady Cepeda	Property Damage	3/5/2026
Kathleen Torregrossa	Property Damage	3/5/2026
Nary Chhay	Property Damage	3/6/2026
William Dickie	Property Damage	3/7/2026
James Mendonca	Property Damage	3/7/2026
David Palumbo	Property Damage	3/7/2026
Pedro Germosen	Property Damage	3/8/2026
Wendy Lincoln	Property Damage	3/8/2026
Haydee Reyes	Property Damage	3/9/2026
Thomas Giorgi	Property Damage	3/12/2026
Domingo Tejada	Personal Injury	3/14/2026
Laurie Lindemann	Property Damage	3/16/2026
Kaitlyn Harrison	Property Damage	3/16/2026
Frank DiIorio	Property Damage	3/19/2026
David Knasin	Property Damage	3/23/2026
Sampalis Vasso	Property Damage	3/25/2026
Alfred Guido Palmieri Jr.	Property Damage	3/25/2026
Donna Granieri	Property Damage	3/26/2026
Glenna Pansay	Property Damage	4/2/2026

Dora Claribel Aquino	Property Damage	4/4/2026
Alec Hirschberg	Property Damage	4/10/2026
Laurie Anne Oneil	Property Damage	4/12/2026
George Cabral	Property Damage	unknown

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation – Discussion of Legal Bills from Law Department

XVIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION to return to Open Session (*Vote may be taken*)

MOTIONS made in Executive Session (*Vote may be taken*)

MOTION to seal the minutes of Executive Session (*Vote may be taken*)

XVIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED (*No Vote*)

None

XX. ADJOURNMENT (*Vote may be taken*)

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