



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

Daniel R. Wall, President, Ward 6
Kristen E. Haroian, Vice President, Ward 2
Emilia Vaziri, City-Wide
Richard D. Campopiano, City-Wide
Christopher E. Buonanno, City-Wide

Bridget R. Graziano, Ward 1
Andy M. Andujar, Ward 3
Frank J. Ritz, Jr., Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, May 18, 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

When: May 18, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: City Council Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND CITATIONS

CITATIONS Congratulating the CLCF 5th Grade Basketball Team on winning the RIYBA 5th Grade Division One State Championship (*no votes*)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*vote may be taken to consider as a block*)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Special Council Meeting
(*vote may be taken*) [\[04.15.26 Minutes\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 16, 2026 Special Council Meeting
(*vote may be taken*) [\[04.16.26 Minutes\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
(*vote may be taken*) [\[04.20.26 Minutes\]](#)

APPROVAL of the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Special Council Meeting
(*vote may be taken*) [\[04.29.26 Minutes\]](#)

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 May 2026 as Older Americans Month; Sponsored by Councilman Andujar, Councilman Traficante, and Councilman Buonanno
(vote may be taken) [\[Resolution\]](#)

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Vaziri, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of May 4, 2026 Claims Paid (no votes) [\[Claims Paid\]](#)*
- B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Haroian, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held May 4, 2026 (no action, no votes)*
- C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 4, 2026: (votes may be taken)*

RESOLUTION In support of the State of Rhode Island General Assembly amending Cranston Tax Exemptions; Sponsored by Council President Wall, Council Vice-President Haroian, Councilman Andujar, Councilman Buonanno, Councilman Ritz, Councilwoman Vaziri, Councilman Traficante, and Councilwoman Graziano; approved by the Finance Committee May 4, 2026 (vote may be taken) [\[Resolution\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and approved by the Finance Committee May 4, 2026
(vote may be taken) [\[Resolution\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkin's appointment of Robert Strom as Finance Director; as approved by the Finance Committee May 4, 2026 (vote may be taken)
[\[Advice and Consent\]](#)

- D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held May 6, 2026 (no action, no votes)*
- E. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held May 6, 2026: (votes may be taken)*

04-26-01 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; Co-Sponsored by Councilman Buanno and Councilwoman Vaziri; approved by the Ordinance Committee May 6, 2026
(vote may be taken) [\[ORD 04-26-01\]](#) [\[Traffic Engineer report\]](#)

04-26-02 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; approved by the Ordinance Committee May 6, 2026 (*vote may be taken*) [[ORD 04-26-02](#)]

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

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

None

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis Report for the period July 1, 2025 through May 18, 2026
(*no vote*) [[Legal Report](#)]

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkin’s nomination of Richard J. Greene as Assistant Fire Chief (*vote may be taken*) [[Advice and Consent](#)]

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

- Discussion of the budget process

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

Councilman Andujar:

- Status of Economic Development grants

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

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:

05-26-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 8, Chapter 08, Section 200, of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Outdoor Fires (Cooking Fires of Any Kind)’; Sponsored by Council Vice-President Haroian; to be referred to Ordinance Committee June 3, 2026 (vote may be taken) [\[ORD 05-26-01\]](#)

PETITION # 1A7YA2G from **Verizon New England Inc.** requesting permission to place one new two-inch (2”) conduit approximately 4,035’ and 19 handholes starting at pole, P. 16 on the corner of **Hope Road and Camden Lane**, and then continuing along **Camden Lane and Kendal Court**; to be referred to the Public Works Committee June 3, 2026 (vote may be taken) [\[Petition\]](#)

REQUEST from RI Department of Transportation for a Permit to Allow Construction Within 25 feet of the Exterior Boundaries of a Historic Cemetery (State Farm Cemetery #1, Cemetery ID CR 060, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-18-11. Regulation of excavation around cemeteries; to be referred to the Public Works Committee June 3, 2026 (vote may be taken) [\[Permit Request\]](#) [\[Plan\]](#) [\[RIGL 23-18-11\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of June 1, 2026 as follows:
(vote may be taken)

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>DATE OF INCIDENT</u>
Jason Arrighie	Property Damage	February 23, 2026
Steven Sousa	Property Damage	February 24, 2026
Jenna SanAntonio	Property Damage	March 4, 2026
Kristi Ferrucci	Property Damage	March 6, 2026
Kathleen Bridge	Property Damage	March 7, 2026
Felicia Baker	Property Damage	March 8, 2026
Lynne & James Adams	Property Damage	March 17, 18 & 23, 2026
Virginia Lawton	Property Damage	March 25, 2026
Diane Conetta	Personal Injury	April 4, 2026
Robin Wheeler	Property Damage	April 10, 2026
Joe Macari	Property Damage	April 16, 2026
Ann Vourvachokis	Property Damage	April 18, 2026
Abigail Tavis	Property Damage	April 25, 2026
Dana Waters	Property Damage	May 11, 2026

XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED (no votes)

NOTICE from Office of the State Fire Marshal, Explosive Operations Division, of Blasting Permit #BP-26-17 effective May 12, 2026 through June 27, 2026 for 950 Pippin Orchard Road [\[Blast Permit\]](#)

RESIGNATION of Nicole Renzulli from the Planning Commission effective January 12, 2026

RESIGNATION of Peter Rivelli from the Cranston Canvassing Authority effective May 12, 2026

APPOINTMENT by Mayor Hopkins of John Colasante as Elector 2 to the Planning Commission effective May 5, 2026 for the term ending January 4, 2029; replacing Nicole Renzulli

XVIII. 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 May 14, 2026