CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting

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Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
Nicole Renzulli, City-Wide
Kristen E. Haroian, Ward 2
John P. Donegan, Ward 3
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

AGENDA

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

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

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS honoring *CLCF CWLL Girls Softball* - State and Regional Champions (*no votes*)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT *(Votes may be taken)*

Public hearings under this section 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 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

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the* ***CLAIMS COMMITTEE*** *meeting of August 15, 2024: (no vote) (no claims paid report received)*

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the* ***SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE*** *meeting held August 15, 2024:*

***NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSES – OVER THE CAP; FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED*:**

1. ***Spectacle Management, Inc. d/b/a Spectacle Live Park Theatre*** located at 848 Park Ave & 0 Pontiac Ave.; Peter M. Lally; Sun-Sat 9am-Midnight (*vote may be taken*)

2. ***Vincent Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Vincent Restaurant*** located at 24 Haven Ave.; Emely Dejesus & Paul Siu Lun Yu; Tues-Thurs 12pm-8:30pm; Fri 12pm-9:30pm; Sat 1pm-9:30pm (*vote may be taken*)

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the* ***FINANCE COMMITTEE*** *meeting held August 15, 2024:*

RESOLUTION Requesting the Administration to Seek Funding for the Enforcement of State and Local Lead Safety Laws; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; Co-Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilwoman Renzulli, Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilman Campopiano, Councilman Paplauskas, Councilman Wall, and Council President Marino; Approved by the Finance Committee August 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor and approved by the Finance Committee August 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of July, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer and approved by the Finance Committee August 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

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

07-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 12.08.080 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Side, Curb and Driveway Construction' (Sidewalk Cost Share Program); Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Council Vice-President Vargas; Approved by the Public Works Committee August 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

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

07-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 10.40 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Miscellaneous Traffic Regulations' (Panhandling Ordinance Repeal);

Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; Approved by the Ordinance Committee August 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken)* [click to view]

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

APPOINTMENT of Connor Mathis to vacancy on the Cranston Arts Commission for the term August 27, 2024 through August 27, 2027; as requested by Councilwoman Haroian (*vote may be taken*)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION of Request from Assistant Chief Daniel Marcinko, for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Fire Department for the period of March 3, 2024 through March 2, 2025 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

Legal Expense Analysis *(no vote)* [click to view]

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

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

- *Position of the Harbor Master*

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

From Councilwoman Renzulli:

- *Cranston Homeless Encampments*

From Councilwoman Haroian:

- *Budlong Pool Update*

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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:

08-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 030 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated"; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; to be referred to Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

08-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Zoning" (495 Atwood Avenue, Assessor's Plat 12-4, Lot 3116); Petition filed by John O. Mancini, Esq. on behalf of 495 Investments, LLC; to be referred to Ordinance Committee October 17, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

08-24-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 2, Chapter 52 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Conservation Commission"; Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas; to be referred to Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

08-24-04 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153, Custodial Unit; Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1; to be referred to Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

08-24-05 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rhode Island Laborers District Council 1322, Tradespeople/Mechanic Unit; Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1; to be referred to Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

08-24-06 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 17, "Zoning", of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, to add Chapter 17-.124 Entitled "Fences and Walls"; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins, Council President Marino, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Councilman Wall; to be referred to Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

RESOLUTION creating a Sub-Committee on Homeless Encampments; Sponsored by Council President Marino; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

PETITION for the **ABANDONMENT** of portion of Elmhurst Avenue; Petitioner: Bryan D. White; to be referred to the Public Works Committee October 17, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

PETITION of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. to install new pole on Whitewood Drive; to be referred to Public Works Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [click to view]

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of September 9, 2024 as follows: (*vote may be taken)*

TYPE OF CLAIM	***CLAIMANT***	***DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT***
Property Damage	Helena Johns	June 26, 2024
Tax Refund	Pasco J. Bucci	2019 – 2023
Property Damage	Aurelia Guarcas	July 25, 2024
Property Damage	CGRI Cranston Atwood LLC	February 27, 2024
Bodily Injury	Ann Marie Giampietro	July 21, 2024
Property Damage	Angelo Nardolillo	August 2, 2024
Property Damage	Margarita Reyes	August 4, 2024

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon 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) for litigation matters as listed on the agenda in the sections that follow:

Executive or closed session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) for litigation matters re complaint filed by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins (as styled below) seeking a declaration that the Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Cranston for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is unlawful and in direct contravention of the powers and authority granted to the City Council under the Cranston Home Rule Charter to the extent it seeks to utilize the funds received by the City pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act and exceeds the budgetary amount identified in the proposed Budgets without the appropriate action under the Charter.

Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins v. Thomas Zidelis, in his official capacity as finance director for the City of Cranston; City Council of the City of Cranston, Rhode Island; Jessica Marino, in her capacity as Cranston City Council President, Lammis J. Vargas, in her capacity as Cranston City Council vice-president; John P. Donegan, in his capacity as Cranston City councilmember; Robert J. Ferri, in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Daniel Wall in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Kristen E. Haroian, in her capacity as Cranston City councilmember; Nicole Renzulli, in her capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Christopher G. Paplauskas, in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Richard D. Campopiano, in his capacity as Cranston City councilmember (PC-2024-03291)

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
None

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 August 22, 2024