



# CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Monthly Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide  
Lamnis J. Vargas, Vice President, Ward 1  
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, JULY 22, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, July 22, 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.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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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 June 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting  
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the sealed minutes of the June 24, 2024 Executive Session  
(vote may be taken)

**V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS (no votes)**  
*None*

**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*)

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**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION** Recognizing July 26, 2024 as National Aunt and Uncle Day in the City of Cranston; Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano and Councilwoman Haroian  
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

## VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE meeting of July 1, 2024: (meeting cancelled; nothing to report) (no vote)*

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE meeting held July 1, 2024:*

**1. CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW** *(Votes may be taken)*

***Knightsgrille, LLC, d/b/a Iannuccilli II***

located at 1785 Cranston St.

Nicholas Iannuccilli (Tuesday-Saturday 4:30pm-10:30pm)

**\*\*OVER THE CAP AND REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL**

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

-Letter of Good Standing

**2. CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW** *(Votes may be taken)*

***Mexico City Tacos & Tequila, LLC d/b/a Mexico City Tacos & Tequila***

located at 1177 Reservoir Ave.

Robert D. Murray, Esq. on behalf of Ramon Michel

(Sun-Thurs, 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-11pm)

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C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held July 1, 2024:*

**RESOLUTION** Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor and approved by the Finance Committee July 1, 2024 *(with the exception of #46, location 665 Scituate Ave., Michele Tanya Hames)*

*(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor and approved by the Finance Committee July 1, 2024

*(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of June, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer and approved by the Finance Committee July 1, 2024

*(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**6-24-02 ORDINANCE** Ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement with IBPO (International Brotherhood of Police Officers), Local Union 301 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026); Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Approved by the Finance Committee July 1, 2024 *(vote may be taken)* [\[Ordinance 06-24-02\]](#) [\[MOA\]](#) [\[fiscal note\]](#)

**D. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024: (meeting cancelled; nothing to report) (no vote)**

**E. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024: (meeting cancelled; nothing to report) (no vote)**

**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 Lisa D. Kirshenbaum to the Public Library Board of Trustees for the term August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027; as requested by Michael Goldberg, Chairperson *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Ivy Swinski to the Zoning Board of Review for the term 7/28/2024 through 7/28/2029 *(vote may be taken)*

**XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*None*

**XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONSIDERATION OF OVERRIDE OF MAYORAL VETO OF ORDINANCE 4-24-01** In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled, "Zoning" (Change of Zone – 0 Sage Drive) *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

Legal Expense Analysis *(no report received from Legal Department as of time of posting) (no vote)*

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

### **XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS** (no votes)

*From Council President Marino:*

- Congratulations and Best of Luck to our state champions in Cranston girls softball and Cranston boys baseball leagues as they embark on their regional competitions.
- Discussion on the status of the construction, infrastructure, road, sidewalk and utility work, and traffic disruptions on Park Avenue and Cranston Street, including the concerns and frustrations expressed by local business owners in that area.
  - What is the projected timeline?
  - What are the stages/types of work completed and to be completed?
  - What are the efforts being made to reduce the negative impact on nearby businesses and residents?

[\[click to view petition\]](#) (vote may be taken)

### **XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS** (no votes)

*From Council Vice-President Vargas:*

- Sanders Playground upkeep and maintenance
- Draining of Budlong Pool

*From Councilman Ferri and Councilwoman Haroian:*

- Budlong Pool
  - Update on Bids
  - Budlong Pool Replacement Schedule (Demolition and Construction)
  - Identify construction work to be conducted by city employees
  - Status of the Asbestos Survey (is it complete? what is the estimated remediation cost?)
  - Exact amount of funding left to complete project (in writing; listing total allocated, minus an itemized list of expenses to complete project)

*From Councilwoman Renzulli:*

- Discussion of possible joint session between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston City Council (relative to budget changes since submission)
- Discussion of statewide Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) regulations effective July 1, 2024 and what action(s) Cranston may wish to take
- Re-Opening of the Park Theatre
- Congratulations to Cranston's Youth Softball and Baseball teams as they move through post-season tournament competition

*From Councilman Paplauskas:*

- Congratulations to the Saint Mary's Feast Society & Ladies Auxiliary and the entire Saint Mary's parish on celebrating their 119<sup>th</sup> annual feast in Knightsville
- Congratulations to the new class of inductees into the Cranston Athletic Hall of Fame

**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:*

**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; to be referred to Public Works Committee August 15, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**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; to be referred to Ordinance Committee August 15, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**07-24-03 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Title 17, Chapter 24 to the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Performance Standards Generally”; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins; to be referred to Ordinance Committee August 15, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Requesting the Administration to seek funding for the enforcement of state and local lead safety laws; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; to be referred to the Finance Committee August 5, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric & Verizon New England, Inc. for installation of 8 new poles and relocation of one pole on Lilya Way; to be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting August 15, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**CLAIMS** to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of August 5, 2024 as follows:  
(vote may be taken)

<b><i>TYPE OF CLAIM</i></b>	<b><i>CLAIMANT</i></b>	<b><i>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</i></b>
Property Damage	Christopher Correia	May 22, 2024
Personal Injury	Juliza Coste	June 20, 2024
Property Damage	Jennifer Tammelleo	July 12, 2024

**XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED**

**CORRESPONDENCE** from Michael Goldberg, Chairman of the Public Library Board of Trustees, indicating that Trustee Larry O. Warner does not wish to be re-appointed when his term expires on 07/31/2024 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

**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 July 18, 2024*