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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
869 PARK AVE., CRANSTON, RI 02910**

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion and possible vote on changes to the City Charter
  - A. Amendment to Chapter 2.03 related to redistricting to prevent gerrymandering (Typographical correction to previously recommended Amendment) (Sponsored by Mr. Frias). [\[click to view\]](#)
  - B. Amendment to Chapter 6.10 related to expansion of a mayor's veto power (Amendment to be recommended in the alternative to previously recommend Amendment) (Sponsored by Mr. Frias) [\[click to view\]](#)
  - C. Amendment to Chapter 8.01 eliminating residency requirement for the city solicitor (Sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)
  - D. Discussion only as to possible amendment to Chapter 12 restricting issuance of debt (Cap debt as 3 percent of full assessed property value, Cap debt with pension and OPEB liability to 9% full assessed property value, and/or Require two-thirds approval of voters for issuance of debt).

See R.I. Public Finance Management Board Debt Affordability Study 2019  
[\[click to view\]](#) (pages 7-10)

See pertinent Massachusetts General Laws  
[\[click to view\]](#)

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- E. Amendment proposing new Chapter 13.07 requiring creation of a “Citizens Guide to the Land Development Process” (Sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)**

**See Town of Richmond’s Citizens Guide to the Land Development Process [\[click to view\]](#)**

- F. Amendment proposing a new Chapter 13.08 requiring a pre-application community meeting (Amendment sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)**

**See Prince George’s County’s Pre-Application Neighborhood Meeting. [\[click to view\]](#)**

- G. Discussion as to other changes to Chapters 11 through 15 of the City Charter**

**5. Drafting of Commission Report to the City Council**

**6. Scheduling of additional meetings**

**7. Adjournment**

Public comment can also be submitted electronically to Assistant City Clerk Rosalba Zanni at [rzanni@cranstonri.org](mailto:rzanni@cranstonri.org) with a subject line indicating it is for the Charter Review Commission.

An electronic copy of the Cranston City Charter can be located at this link:

[https://library.municode.com/ri/cranston/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH](https://library.municode.com/ri/cranston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH)