

CITY OF CRANSTON
CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting of December 9, 2021 – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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The City Council Claims Committee met on December 9, 2021, in a meeting advertised in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act on December 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Councilmember John Donegan, at 5:40 p.m. It was held in Council Chambers at Cranston City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Aniece Germain, Vice Chairperson Matthew Reilly, Chairperson John Donegan, Council President Christopher Paplauskas (Ex-Officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Vice President Robert Ferri, Councilmember Nicole Renzulli

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicholas Lima (Registrar / Director of Elections – Acting Recorder), Christopher Rawson (Assistant City Solicitor), Councilmember Jessica Marino, Councilmember Richard Campopiano (arrived after roll call), Stephen Angell (Council Legal Counsel), Thomas Lima (Council Communications Aide), Gianna Vannini (Claims Clerk)

The chair declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Donegan requested a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Claims Committee meeting held on Nov. 9, 2021.

MOTION: By Vice Chairperson Reilly and seconded by President Paplauskas to approve the minutes of Nov. 9, 2021.

PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

Mr. Angell asked whether the minutes were previously distributed. He recommended rescinding the vote until it could be confirmed the minutes have been seen.

MOTION: By President Paplauskas and seconded by Vice Chairperson Reilly to reconsider the motion to approve the minutes of Nov. 9, 2021.

PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

The approval of meeting minutes of Nov. 9, 2021 was placed back on the floor for potential action by the Committee.

MOTION: By President Paplauskas and seconded by Councilmember Germain to continue the minutes of Nov. 9, 2021 to the next meeting.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

There were no business matters carried over.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no matters listed for public hearings and no one from the public appeared to speak.

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There were five new matters before the committee, as follows:

Chester Salisbury, with a claim of property damage, on an alleged incident date of Oct. 27, 2021; William Brissette, with a claim of vehicle damage, on an alleged incident date of Sept. 5, 2021; Severance Trucking, with a claim of personal injury, on an alleged incident date of July 16, 2021; Mary Rutkowski, with a claim of property damage, on an alleged incident date of Sept. 30, 2020; and William Gesterling, with a claim of vehicle damage, on an alleged incident date of Aug. 11, 2021.

The matters were set to be discussed and possibly acted upon in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-46-5 (A)(2)

MOTION: By Vice Chairperson Reilly and seconded by President Paplauskas to enter Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5 (a)(2) for the five listed matters.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

The Claims Committee paused to enter Executive Session at 5:42 p.m., which convened at 5:44 p.m. Councilmember Richard Campopiano arrived at 5:46 p.m., during Executive Session, and was recorded as present.

The Claims Committee exited Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order by Chairperson Donegan at 5:55 p.m.

Chairperson Donegan noted that there were votes taken in Executive Session, none of which were to be reported out in public session.

MOTION: By Vice Chairperson Reilly and seconded by Councilmember Germain to seal the minutes of the Executive Session of 12-9-2021.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Donegan asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: By Vice Chairperson Reilly and seconded by Councilmember Germain to adjourn.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 4-0 – Councilmember Germain, Vice Chairperson Reilly, Chairperson Donegan, and Council President Paplauskas voting aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicholas J. Lima
Registrar / Director of Elections
Acting Recorder

The preceding Unofficial Minutes are a draft copy of the record of proceedings on the date specified, subject to amendment and final approval by the Cranston City Council Claims Committee, and are presented for informational purposes only.