



# 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

Aniece Germain, Ward 2  
John P. Donegan, Ward 3  
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4  
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5  
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

## AMENDED AGENDA

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, October 23, 2023 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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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtE9vwA1B1PQHuftrNPcZjg>.

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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 September 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

[\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the sealed minutes of the September 25, 2023 Executive Session

Approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2023 Special Council Meeting

[\[click to view\]](#)

### **V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

*None*

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

Public hearings 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 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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### **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION** Urging the City Council and the Administration to Recognize and Celebrate National Immigrants Day; Sponsored by Councilwoman Germain  
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Standing in Support of Israel and Against Acts of Terror; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilman Wall, Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Paplauskas, Councilman Ferri, Councilman Campopiano, and Councilman Donegan (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

## **VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held October 2, 2023

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **Approvals** for the month of September, 2023 as requested by the City Treasurer (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as recommended by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held October 12, 2023

**2-23-04 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Buildings and Construction” (Lead Safe Homes); sponsored by Councilman Donegan; co-sponsored by Councilwoman Germain; as *amended* by the Ordinance Committee October 12, 2023 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

C. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE:** October 2, 2023 claims paid (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Public comment may be permitted, subject to time limitations, for UNDOCKETED items only.

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## **X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**APPOINTMENT** of Maranda Botelho as Municipal Court Clerk for the term ending January 6, 2025; per Ch. 2.40 of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Robert Santurri, Jr. to the Tax Assessment Board of Review as Alternate 1 for the term ending January 28, 2026; per Ch. 3.08 of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Elisabeth Bettis as Alternate 1 to the Juvenile Hearing Board for the term ending December 1, 2024; per Ch. 2.72. of the Cranston Code of Ordinances (*vote may be taken*)

**XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*None*

**XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 – October 17, 2023  
(*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)
- B. From Planning Director Pezzullo, status report on the Comprehensive Plan (*no vote*)
- C. Consideration of Request from Assistant Chief Richard Mancini for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Fire Dept. for the period of October 16, 2023 to October 15, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Presentation by Nick Edwards, RI Dept. of State, relative to the Rhode Island Semi-quincentennial 250th Commission and requesting creation of a local 250<sup>th</sup> committee [\[click to view\]](#)

RI Veterans Food Donation Drive sponsored by Council President Jessica Marino in support of Operation Stand Down RI from November 14 until November 30, 2023

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

*From Council Donegan:*

Presentation from RI Department of Education on school construction

*From Councilwoman Germain:*

Discussion on Budlong Pool's 8,000 square feet proposal

*From Council Vice President Vargas:*

Pawtuxet Village Annual Trick or Treat announcement  
Winter warming centers across the city

From Councilwoman Renzulli:

Update on Learn365RI Funding (cont'd)  
Status of open grant applications

**XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER** (votes may be taken)  
*None*

**XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS** (votes may be taken)

*New Business items are listed for reference and for a vote to be referred to the appropriate Council sub-committee for a public hearing.*

**10-23-01 ORDINANCE** in Amendment of Title 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Zoning’; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee December 7, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**10-23-02 ORDINANCE** in Amendment of Title 13 – Public Services, Chapter 13.08 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Sewer Service System’; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; to be referred to Public Works Committee November 16, 2023 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. for installation of conduit in city right-of-way along Palmer Ave.; **to be referred to Public Works Committee November 16, 2023** (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**CLAIMS** to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of November 6, 2023 as follows: (vote may be taken)

<b>TYPE OF CLAIM</b>	<b>CLAIMANT</b>	<b>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</b>
Personal Injury	Helen Brearley	09/06/2023
Property Damage	Brenda Claeson	09/25/2023
Property Damage	Joseph Lenk	10/10/2023
Property Damage	Britney Lynch	10/06/2023
Personal Injury	Gloria Rivera Rodriguez	09/04/2023
Property Damage	David Varone	09/25/2023

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (vote may be taken)

*Upon a motion, second, and 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) pertaining to prospective and actual litigation matters as listed below:*

**Update on Yard Works Litigation** (vote may be taken\*)

**XVIII. RETURN OPEN SESSION** (vote may be taken)

*Upon a motion, second, and open call by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the City Council will return to open session.*

*\*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*

**XVIV. 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 October 19, 2023*

*Amended agenda posted October 19, 2023*

*\* Amendments are indicated in red font*