



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
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Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, January 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 December 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
[\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the sealed minutes of the December 18, 2023 Executive Session

Approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Regular 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)*

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

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Germain, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE
January, 2024 claims paid (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

B. Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held January 8, 2024:

Consideration of Tax Interest Waiver **APPROVALS** for the month of December, 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) [\[click to view\]](#)

11-23-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 225 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “No Parking – Commercial Vehicles”; Sponsored by Councilman Campopiano; Approved by the Finance Committee January 8, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR UNDOCKETED ITEMS (no votes)

Public comment may be permitted, 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

RE-APPOINTMENT of John Skorupski, by Mayor Hopkins, as Tree Warden for the year 2024 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPOINTMENT of Kirk McDonough as Democratic Board Member of the Cranston Board of Canvassers for a term to expire March 3, 2025; as nominated by Mayor Hopkins (vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPOINTMENT of Richard Boehm as Democratic Alternate of the Cranston Board of Canvassers for a term to expire March 5, 2029; as nominated by Mayor Hopkins (vote to be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2023 to January 17, 2024 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Consideration of Request from Major Robert Quirk for one year continuation of service with the Cranston Police Department for the period of September 8, 2023 to September 8, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

Update from the administration regarding the status of the city of Cranston's participation in the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's Community Septic System Loan Program

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

From Council Vice President Vargas:

- Pawtuxet Village bike racks request
- Waste Management contract; trash/recycling collection

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

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

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:

ADVICE AND CONSENT on Mayor Hopkins' Appointment of Robert Ryan as Fire Chief; to be referred to the Finance Committee February 5, 2024
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Related to a Federal Grant to the City of Cranston valued at 7.2 Million Dollars; Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Donegan; to be referred to the Finance Committee meeting of February 5, 2024
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Proposing Amendment to Section 4.02 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place on the Ballot the following as a Referendum Question (Chapter 4, Department of Records, Section 4.02 Judge of Probate); Sponsored by Council President Marino; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee meeting of February 15, 2024
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Proposing Amendment to Section 8.01 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place on the Ballot the Following as a Referendum Question (Department of Law); Sponsored by Council President Marino; referred to Ordinance Committee meeting of February 15, 2014
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

01-24-01 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Stopping, Standing, and Parking on Specific Streets”; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth Hopkins and Councilwoman Renzulli; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee meeting of February 15, 2024

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

01-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations”; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Marino; to be referred to the Safety Services Committee meeting of February 5, 2024

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

01-24-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 04, Section 100 of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled “Fees for Licenses, Permits and Recordings.”; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Jessica Marino; to be referred to the Safety Services Committee meeting of February 5, 2024

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

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

TYPE OF CLAIM	CLAIMANT	DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT
Personal Injury	Stephen Vezina	11/17/2023

XVII. 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 January 18, 2024