



## CITY OF CRANSTON RHODE ISLAND

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.*

Special Meeting of the City Council will be held **in the City of Cranston Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at [www.cranstonri.gov](http://www.cranstonri.gov) and Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov)

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### ***YouTube Livestream***

The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube. Click the link below to view the meeting. You will only be able to watch the proceedings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtE9vwA1B1PQHuftrNPcZjg>.

Note: There will be NO public participation at this meeting.

This Special Meeting of the Cranston City Council has been called by the Council President, Jessica M. Marino, pursuant to the Cranston City Charter Section §3.07 and Section 2.04.060 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

The members of the City Council listed on the attached certification have been notified as provided for in §3.07 of the Charter: Jessica M. Marino (Council President), Lammis J. Vargas (Council Vice President), Councilman Christopher Paplauskas, Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Councilman Richard D. Campopiano, Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian; Councilman John P. Donegan; and Councilman Daniel Wall.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. ROLL CALL**

### **New Business**

City Legal Counsel: (1) letter of engagement addendum (vote to approve/reject); (2) Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins v. Thomas Zidelis, in his official capacity as finance director for the City of Cranston et al., as set forth in the Executive session portion of this agenda. Legal Counsel discussion only as to the fiduciary and other duties of council members with respect to legal matters wherein the Mayor/Administration and the Council are opposing one another as litigants in an action pending before a Court of competent jurisdiction.

*Upon 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) for litigation matters as listed on the agenda in the sections that follow:*

## **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive or closed session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) for litigation matters re complaint filed by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins (as styled below) seeking a declaration that the Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Cranston for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is unlawful and in direct contravention of the powers and authority granted to the City Council under the Cranston Home Rule Charter to the extent it seeks to utilize the funds received by the City pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act and exceeds the budgetary amount identified in the proposed Budgets without the appropriate action under the Charter.

Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins v. Thomas Zidelis, in his official capacity as finance director for the City of Cranston; City Council of the City of Cranston, Rhode Island; Jessica Marino, in her capacity as Cranston City Council President, Lammis J. Vargas, in her capacity as Cranston City Council vice-president; John P. Donegan, in his capacity as Cranston City councilmember; Robert J. Ferri, in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Daniel Wall in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Kristen E. Haroian, in her capacity as Cranston City councilmember; Nicole Renzulli, in her capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Christopher G. Paplauskas, in his capacity as Cranston City Councilmember; Richard D. Campopiano, in his capacity as Cranston City councilmember (PC-2024-03291)

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION** to return to Open Session (Vote to be taken)

**MOTIONS** made in Executive Session (Vote to be taken)

**MOTION** to seal the minutes of Executive Session (Votes to be taken)

**V. ADJOURNMENT** (*Vote may be taken*)

And I hereby request the City Clerk to notify all Council members of the Call of the Special Meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

  
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**Jessica M. Marino, Council President**

*Pursuant to RIGL § 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 Cranston Library on June 7, 2024*

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island was delivered via electronic mail on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 to the email addresses listed below in accordance with Section 3.07 of the Charter:

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni,  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees