



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

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Robert J. Ferri, City-Wide
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Kristen E. Haroian, Ward 2
John P. Donegan, Ward 3
Richard D. Campopiano, Ward 4
Christopher G. Paplauskas, Ward 5
Daniel Wall, Ward 6

AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, September 23, 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.

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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 August 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Approval of the **sealed** minutes of the August 26, 2024 Executive Session
(vote may be taken)

Approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Special Council Meeting
(vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS honoring *CLCF CWLL Girls Softball* - State and Regional Champions
(no votes) (cont'd from August 26, 2024)

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

Public hearings under this section are limited to DOCKETED subject matters only. Public comment may be permitted and will be subject to time limitations.

Written public comment may be submitted via email to <https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/> **no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the Council meeting** in order to be provided to the City Council before the meeting. All such written comments shall include your name and address. (Vote may be taken to accept written comment and to place it on record)

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of September 9, 2024: Claims paid report from May 21, 2024 to September 19, 2024 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)*

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held September 9, 2024: Nothing to report (no vote)*

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held September 9, 2024:*

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

08-24-04 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153, Custodial Unit; Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1; recommended for approval by the Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (vote may be taken)
[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[Contract\]](#) [\[School Committee Resolution\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#)

08-24-05 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rhode Island Laborers District Council 1322, Tradespeople/Mechanic Unit; Pursuant to Charter Sec. 11.02.1; recommended for approval by the Finance Committee September 9, 2024 (vote may be taken)
[\[Ordinance\]](#) [\[Contract\]](#) [\[School Committee Resolution\]](#) [\[Fiscal Note\]](#)

D. *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held September 12, 2024: Nothing to report (no vote)*

E. *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held September 12, 2024:*

05-24-03 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Chapter 5.40 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled 'Hawkers and Peddlers – Generally' Section 5.40.140 'Soliciting at Houses'; Sponsored by Council President Marino, Councilman Wall and Councilman Ferri; Co-Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Campopiano, and Councilman Paplauskas; Recommended for approval as amended by the Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

08-24-06 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 17, “Zoning”, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, to add Chapter 17.124 Entitled “Fences and Walls”; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins, Council President Marino, Councilwoman Renzulli, and Councilman Wall; Recommended for approval as amended by the Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION creating a Sub-Committee on Homeless Encampments; Sponsored by Council President Marino and recommended for approval by the Ordinance Committee September 12, 2024 (*Vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

Public comment may be permitted under this section, 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

APPOINTMENT of Justin Erickson as Republican Alternate to the Cranston Canvassing Authority, as nominated by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-8-1, for the unexpired term ending March 5, 2029
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS
None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis (*no vote*) [\[click to view\]](#)

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

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (*no votes*)

Update from the Administration on the police training and gun range facility location as mentioned by the Mayor in recent interviews/debates

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS *(no votes)*

From Councilwoman Haroian:

- *Budlong Pool Update*

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None

XVI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

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:

09-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 030 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated’ (adding 4-way stop at Packard St. and Flint Ave.); Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; to be referred to Ordinance Committee October 17, 2024 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Calling for an Independent Investigation relative to Complaint PC 2024-4766, David Broccoli, et al v. Kenneth Hopkins, The City of Cranston, Anthony Moretti, Paul McCauley, David Rodio and Christopher Millea, et al.; Sponsored by Council President Jessica Marino; to be referred to Finance Committee October 7, 2024 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of October 7, 2024 as follows: *(vote may be taken)*

<i>TYPE OF CLAIM</i>	<i>CLAIMANT</i>	<i>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</i>
Property Damage	Joe’s Place Perfume	June/July 2024
Property Damage	Kelly & Diego Tecun	May 23, 2024
Property Damage	Kevin Flood	July 17, 2024

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(vote may be taken to move to executive session)*

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:

Casale vs. City of Cranston (vote may be taken)*

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

**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*

XIX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION NEEDED

None

XX. 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 September 19, 2024