



# 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

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, OCTOBER 28, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, October 28, 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 September 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting; as submitted by the City Clerk (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**APPROVAL** of the *sealed* minutes of the September 23, 2024 Executive Session; as submitted by the Council President (vote may be taken)

**APPROVAL** of the minutes of the September 24, 2024 City Council Workshop; as submitted by the Asst. City Clerk (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**APPROVAL** of the minutes of the September 30, 2024 Special Council Meeting; as submitted by the City Clerk (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS**

*None*

**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 may 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)

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, Councilman Wall, on the **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** meeting of October 7, 2024: Report of Claims Paid October, 2024 (no vote) [\[click to view\]](#)*

**B.** *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE** meeting held October 7, 2024: Nothing to report (no vote)*

**C.** *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held October 7, 2024:*

**RESOLUTION** Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee October 7, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of September, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer and approved by the Finance Committee October 7, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**D.** *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** meeting held October 17, 2024: Nothing to report (no vote)*

**E.** *Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held October 17, 2024:*

**08-24-01 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 32, Section 030 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Multi-Way Stop Intersections – Enumerated” Multi-Way Stop Intersections-Enumerated”; Sponsored by Councilman Donegan; Committee recommended approval October 17, 2024

(Vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Traffic Engineer Report\]](#)

**08-24-02 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Zoning” (495 Atwood Avenue, Assessor’s Plat 12-4, Lot 3116); Petition filed by John O. Mancini, Esq. on behalf of 495 Investments, LLC; Committee recommended approval October 17, 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

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

**APPOINTMENT** of Ralph Baccari to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** for the term December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027 (currently serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate through 12/01/2024); as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Jessica Salter to the **Probate Judge Advisory Commission** for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2026; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Attorney Michelle Bergin Conte to the **Probate Judge Advisory Commission** for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Attorney Susan M. Pires to the **Probate Judge Advisory Commission** for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2026; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**APPOINTMENT** of Attorney Ann Marie Maccarone to the **Probate Judge Advisory Commission** for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024; replacing Atty. Joseph Manera (resigned 10/24/24); as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Carol Aguasvivas to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** for the term December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Pamela T. Schiff to the **Juvenile Hearing Board** for the term of December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027; as requested by Councilman Paplauskas (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Kathryn M. Crowley to the **Juvenile Hearing Board**, as Alternate #1, for the term December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2025; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Attorney Ann Marie Maccarone to the **Probate Judge Advisory Commission** for the term December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2027; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

**RE-APPOINTMENT** of Paul Tognetti to the **Historical Cemeteries Commission**, as Alternate #1, for the term October 25, 2024 through October 25, 2027; Appointed by Council President Marino in accordance with Section 2.55.010 of the Code of Ordinances  
(*no vote needed – Council President Appointment*)

**XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*None*

**XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through October 22, 2024

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

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

**From Council President Marino:**

- *Annual Veterans Food Donation Drive in support of Operation Stand Down November 18 through 30, 2024*

**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:*

**10-24-01 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Chapter 12.08.080 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled ‘Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Construction’ (Sidewalk Cost Share Program); Sponsored by Councilman Donegan and Councilman Campopiano; to be referred to the Ordinance Committee November 14, 2024

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

**10-24-02 ORDINANCE** for the Closure of the Westerly End of Honeysuckle Drive at its Intersection with Phenix Avenue Pursuant to Title 12.04 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Streets and Sidewalks Generally”; Sponsored by Mayor Hopkins and Councilman Campopiano; to be referred to Ordinance Committee November 14, 2024

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

**10-24-03 ORDINANCE** In Amendment of Title 10, Chapter 12, Section 210 of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Through trucking – Prohibited on certain streets”; Sponsored by Councilwoman Renzulli; to be referred to Ordinance Committee November 14, 2014 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**RESOLUTION** Designating the entire available, unexpended and unencumbered balance of the American Rescue Act (“ARPA”) Restricted Receipt Account for expenditure; Sponsored by Council President Marino and Mayor Hopkins; to be referred to Finance Committee November 7, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric to install new pole on Scituate Ave.; to be referred to Public Works Committee October 17, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. to install new pole on Lambert St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee October 17, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**PETITION** of Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. to install a new pole on Myrtle Ave.; to be referred to Public Works Committee October 17, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

**CLAIMS** to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of November 4, 2024 as follows: (vote may be taken)

<b><i>TYPE OF CLAIM</i></b>	<b><i>CLAIMANT</i></b>	<b><i>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</i></b>
Property Damage	Lee Nash	March 21, 2024
Property Damage	Rebecca Carroll	July 31, 2024
Personal Injury	Kyle Ferreira	August 5, 2024
Property Damage	Steven Weisman	September 7, 2024
Personal Injury	Oswald & Sheilyn Castro And Antonia Cuc Choc	September 8, 2024
Services Rendered	Kenneth J. Filarski - (d/b/a Filarski Architecture + Planning + Research)	September 15, 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 R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or prospective or actual litigation matters as listed below:*

***Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to litigation:***

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, Lammi 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) *(vote may be taken\*)*

***Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining:***

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teamsters Local 251, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Municipal Employees, for the term beginning July 1, 2024; including the Administration’s negotiations and contract details  
*(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**

**RESIGNATION** of Attorney Joseph Manera from the Probate Judge Advisory Commission effective immediately. *(no vote)*

2023 Annual Report of the Cranston Historical Cemeteries Commission *(no vote)*  
[\[click to view\]](#)

**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 October 24, 2024*