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## **SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

**-DECEMBER 19, 2023-**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Council President.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Wall and Council President Marino -8.

Absent: Council Vice-President Vargas -1.

Also Present: Stephen Marsella, Assistant City Solicitor.



# CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

## Notice of Special Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide  
Lammis 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

## AGENDA

*Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.*

A Special Meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held in **City 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 login information provided below as posted on the City's website at [www.cranstonri.gov](http://www.cranstonri.gov) and the 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>.

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 Aniece Germain; Councilman John P. Donegan; and Councilman Daniel Wall.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

**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. (continued from December 18, 2023) (vote may be taken)**

**IV. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

- ***Appointment of Paula McFarland as a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review filling vacancy created by expiration of term of Stephanie Soscia, for a term to commence on January 1, 2024. (vote may be taken)***

**V. ADJOURNMENT (vote to be taken)**

*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 December 12 2023*

*Amended agenda posted December 13, 2023 to add link for Plan Commission Recommendation and to correct Adjournment to roman numeral IV*

*Re-Amended agenda posted December 15, 2023 to add amend roman numeral IV - Appointment of Paula McFarland as a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review and to correct Adjournment to roman numeral V*

I hereby request the City Clerk notify all Council members of the Call of the special meeting.

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023



**Jessica M. Marino, Council President**

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island was delivered via electronic mail on the 5th day of October, 2023 to the addresses listed below.

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Tracy A. Nelson, City Clerk

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

***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. (continued from December 18, 2023)***

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, the above Ordinance was adopted as amended on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Wall and Council President Marino -8.

## **NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

- ***Appointment of Paula McFarland as a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review filling vacancy created by expiration of term of Stephanie Soscia, for a term to commence on January 1, 2024. (vote may be taken)***

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Renzulli, it was voted to appoint Paula McFarland as a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review filling vacancy created by expiration of term of Stephanie Soscia, for a term to commence on January 1, 2024. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Ferri, Councilwomen Renzulli, Germain, Councilmen Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Wall and Council President Marino -8.

## **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee