CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting

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Frank J. Ritz, Jr., Ward 4
Michael A. Traficante, Ward 5

Amended AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026 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. Remote participation is offered using the login information provided below, as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COMMENDATIONS AND CITATIONS

1. **Citations of Congratulations:** *The City Council recognize and congratulate the CLCF Girls 10U Fall Softball League Champions for their championship season and outstanding teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship.*
2. **Citations of Appreciation:** *The City Council recognizes and honors the volunteers and community organizations whose generous efforts helped paint and restore the historic Oaklawn Library in Cranston, acknowledging their commitment to community service and preservation of a local landmark.*
3. ***Citations of Appreciation:*** *The City Council recognizes and thanks the City of Cranston Canvassing Authority Staff, Poll Workers, and Election Support Personnel for Their Dedicated Service in the 2026 Elections.*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(vote may be taken to take as a block)*

October 13, 2026 Special City Council Meeting *(vote may be taken)*

October 19, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting *(vote may be taken)*

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – DOCKETED ITEMS

Public hearings and public comment 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/ or nrenzulli@cranstonri.gov 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 and press *9 to raise your hand during public comment.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE OF ARAM G. GARABEDIAN 1935-2026 ***[Resolution]*** *(votes may be taken)*

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE CRANSTON CANVASSING AUTHORITY STAFF, POLL WORKERS, AND ELECTION SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2026 ELECTIONS ***[Resolution]*** *(votes may be taken)* *(link added 11/13/26)*

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Vaziri, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE meeting of November 5, 2026 [Claims Paid] *(no votes to be taken)*

B. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Haroian, on the SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE meeting held November 5, 2026 *(no votes to be taken)*

C. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held November 5, 2026 *(votes may be taken)*

1. Review and recommendation regarding the proposed Agreement for Transfer of Elementary Schools between the City and Cranston Public Schools (Barrows School and Waterman School properties and related City financial obligations) – *sent by the Finance Committee on November 5, 2026 to the November 16, 2026 City Council meeting (4–0)* ***[click to view]*** *(votes may be taken)*
2. Proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement between Johnson & Wales University and the City of Cranston – *recommended by the Finance Committee on November 5, 2026 to the November 16, 2026 City Council meeting (4–0)* ***[click to view]*** *(votes may be taken)*
3. Real Estate Tax Abatements – *approved by the Finance Committee on November 5, 2026 (4–0)* ***[click to view]*** *(votes may be taken)*
4. Agreement to Sell Communications Perpetual Easement re: American Tower Site #308780, 900 Phenix Ave – referred by the Finance Committee on November 5, 2026 to the full City Council (*Chair stated after Executive Session that motions were made to refer the agreement to the full City Council)*
   a) The Council may enter Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(5). *(Vote may be taken)*
      1. Discussion, consideration, and/or action on Agreement to Purchase Communications Easement Re: American Tower Site #308780 / Site Name: Cranston Site Address: 900 Phenix Ave, Cranston RI 02921-1134. *(Votes may be taken)*
      2. MOTION to return to Open Session *(Vote may be taken)*
      3. MOTIONS made in Executive Session *(Vote may be taken)*
      4. MOTION to seal the minutes of Executive Session *(Vote may be taken)*

D. Report from the Chair, Councilwoman Graziano, on the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE meeting held November 4, 2026 *(no votes to be taken)*

1. Utility pole petitions approved by Public Works on November 4, 2026 as final Committee action under Code § 15.16.080 (report only, no Council vote):
   a) Narragansett Electric / Verizon, P4-50 between 36 and 40 Norfolk St. (WR# 15147577), 6–0;
   b) Narragansett Electric / Verizon, Park Ave new pole for RIDOT traffic and streetlight cabinet (WR# 15232138), 6–0.

E. Report from the Chair, Councilman Andujar, on the ORDINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held November 4, 2026 (votes may be taken)

07-20-01 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "ZONING" (Impervious Surface and Stormwater Management) Sponsored by Councilwoman Graziano – recommended approval as amended 6–0 by the Ordinance Committee on November 4, 2026; **PUBLIC HEARING pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-24-53** [07-20-01 amended at Ordinance Committee- click to view] *(votes may be taken)* *(link added 11/13/26)*

10-26-01 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,' CHAPTER 10.28 'STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY' (Ward 3 Residential Overnight Parking Pilot Program) Sponsored by Councilman Andujar – recommended approval as amended 5–1 by the Ordinance Committee on November 4, 2026 *(votes may be taken)* [click to view] *(link added 11/13/26)*

10-26-02 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,' CHAPTER 10.32 'STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING ON SPECIFIC STREETS' (§ 10.32.100 No Parking—Between Signs—Hoffman Avenue) Sponsored by Council President Wall – recommended approval 6–0 by the Ordinance Committee on November 4, 2026 (votes may be taken) [click to view]

10-26-03 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", TO ADD CHAPTER 32.710 ENTITLED "TWO HOUR PARKING—BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY" Sponsored by Councilman Traficante – recommended approval 6–0 by the Ordinance Committee on November 4, 2026 (votes 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. Written public comment may be submitted via email to https://www.cranstonri.gov/city-council-contact-form/ or nrenzulli@cranstonri.gov 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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X. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS (votes may be taken)

(none)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

(none)

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (votes may be taken)

Legal Expense Analysis Report [click to view] *(no votes to be taken)* *(link added 11/13/26)*

XIII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

- Garden City dirt and debris piles on Midway Road. Impact and concerns of neighborhood ie. unsightliness, windblown dust, rodents, noise and timeline for removal.

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (no votes)

Councilwoman Graziano

- Discussion of Section 17.60.010 Residential Accessory Structure Setbacks - tables within City Ordinance and Tables posted on City of Cranston Building/Zoning Setbacks. Discuss the current zoning setbacks and other concerns regarding tables for zoning posted versus the posted ordinances.

Council Vice President Haroian

- Update Regarding Pool Cover Procurement and Winterization Plans: Budlong Aquatic Center

Councilman Ritz

- An update on the enforcement of regulations governing unauthorized signs on utility poles and clarification of the City's authority and procedures for their removal.

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

08-17-02 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 08, SECTION 060, OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2005, ENTITLED 'BOARD OF CONTRACT AND PURCHASE.' Sponsored by Council President Wall – AS AMENDED by the Finance Committee on October 5, 2026 and AS FURTHER AMENDED by the City Council on October 19, 2026 ($50,000 threshold), approved as amended and to be re-advertised; **PUBLIC HEARING as amended (Charter § 3.12)** (votes may be taken) [click to view] *(link added 11/13/26)*

08-17-01 Ordinance IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 8, OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2005, TO ADD SECTION 9.08.64 ENTITLED 'Short term rentals of outdoor pools' Sponsored by Council President Wall and Councilman Ritz, co-sponsors added October 19: Traficante, Vaziri, Haroian, Buonanno– AS AMENDED by the City Council on October 19, 2026 (outdoor pools only), approved as amended and to be re-advertised; **PUBLIC HEARING as amended** (votes may be taken) [click to view] *(link added 11/13/26)*

09-22-02 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2, "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL", OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2005, TO ADD CHAPTER 90 ENTITLED "BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES" Sponsored by Councilman Ritz; Co-sponsored by Council Vice-President Haroian, Council President Wall, Councilwoman Vaziri, Councilman Andujar and Councilwoman Graziano – recommended for approval by the Ordinance Committee October 13, 2026 (Continued from the October 19, 2026 City Council meeting at the sponsor's request) (votes may be taken) [click to view]

09-22-03 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 280, OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2005, ENTITLED 'TRAFFIC PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS – LOCAL ACCESS ONLY' (to include Susan Dr. between Garden City Dr. and Cypress Dr.) Sponsored by Council President Wall; Co-sponsored by Councilwoman Vaziri and Council Vice-President Haroian – recommended for approval by the Ordinance Committee October 13, 2026 (Continued from the October 19, 2026 City Council meeting to the November meeting, pending the traffic engineer's report) (votes may be taken) [click to view]

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

The following items of new business are listed for reference and for a vote to be referred to the appropriate Council sub-committee for a public hearing. The Council President may call for a motion to consider one or more of the new business items as a block:

11-26-01 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.40 OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2005, ENTITLED 'ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL,' AND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 15.12, ENTITLED 'HOUSING STANDARDS' (MUNICIPAL COURT – HOUSING DIVISION) Sponsored by Councilman Andujar and Councilman Buonanno [click to view] *(link added 11/13/26)*

CLAIMS to be referred to the Claims Committee meeting of December 7, 2026 as follows: *(vote may be taken)*

CLAIMANT DATE OF INCIDENT TYPE OF CLAIM

Name	**Date**	**Claim Type**
Miguel Barrios	10/19/2026	Vehicle Damage
Michael Gaspar	10/22/2026	Vehicle Damage
Stephanie Mello	10/23/2026	Vehicle Damage
Katherine Catanzaro	10/26/2026	Vehicle Damage

* Indicates a claim previously reviewed by the Claims Committee.

XVII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED (no votes)

XVIII. 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 November 12, 2026.