



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting

Jessica M. Marino, President, City-Wide
Lammis 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

***AMENDED**

AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston City Council will be held on **Monday, November 25, 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.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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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 October 28, 2024 Regular Council Meeting; as submitted by the City Clerk (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

APPROVAL of the *sealed* minutes of the October 28, 2024 Executive Session; as submitted by the City Clerk (vote may be taken)

APPROVAL of the *sealed* minutes of the October 28, 2024 Executive Session; as submitted by the Council President (vote may be taken)

V. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

CITATION honoring Nancy Vitulli for her years of service to the City of Cranston as an educator (no vote)

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)

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VII. RESOLUTIONS

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Wall, on the CLAIMS COMMITTEE meeting of November 13, 2024: Report of Claims Paid November, 2024 (no vote)*

[\[click to view\]](#)

B. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Ferri, on the SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE meeting held November 13, 2024:*

NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE *(Vote may be taken)*

Blue Awning, LLC d/b/a makmak EATERY, located at 650 Oaklawn Ave. Michael Kudzma; Hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-9pm, Sat-Sun 9:30am-9pm

OVER CAP / REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

- Letter of Good Standing
- Victualing License *(waiting on payment)*

NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE *(Vote may be taken)*

Los Homies, LLC d/b/a LaEskina, located at 407 Laurel Hill Ave.

Juan Pablo Sanchez, Francisco Javier Hernandez Huerta & Efren Sanchez

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm; Fri-Sun 9am-9pm

OVER CAP / REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

- Victualing License *(waiting on payment and Dept. of Health)*

C. *Report from the Chair, Councilman Donegan, on the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held November 13, 2024:*

RESOLUTION Authorizing Real Estate Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee November 13, 2024 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

RESOLUTION Authorizing Tangible Tax Abatements as requested by the Tax Assessor and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee November 13, 2024 *(vote may be taken)* [\[click to view\]](#)

Consideration of Tax Interest **WAIVER APPROVALS** for the month of October, 2024 as recommended by the City Treasurer and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee November 13, 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 Marino; Recommended for approval by the Finance Committee November 13, 2024 *(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; Recommended for approval by the Finance Committee November 13, 2024
(*vote may be taken*) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[click to view Fiscal Note\]](#)

D. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE* meeting held November 14, 2024: Nothing to report (no vote)

E. Report from the Chair, Council Vice-President Vargas, on the *ORDINANCE COMMITTEE* meeting held November 14, 2024:

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; Recommended for approval by the 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; Recommended for approval by the Ordinance Committee November 14, 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

RE-APPOINTMENT of Ralph Baccari to the Juvenile Hearing Board, as Alternate #2, for the term December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027; as requested by Council President Marino (*vote may be taken*)

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS
None

XII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Legal Expense Analysis for the period of July 1, 2024 through November 19, 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:

11-24-01 ORDINANCE Ratifying School Committee’s Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Rhode Island Council 94 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Cranston Public School Employees, Local 2044 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); Pursuant to City Charter Section 11.02.1; Referred to Finance Committee December 2, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view Ordinance\]](#) [\[tentative agreement\]](#) [\[redline 2021-2024 contract\]](#)
*[\[click to view fiscal note\]](#)

11-24-02 ORDINANCE In Amendment of Title 9, Chapter 4 to the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Offenses Against Public Peace and Decency”; Sponsored by Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins; Referred to the Ordinance Committee December 5, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#) [\[CPD Memo\]](#)

ADVICE AND CONSENT of Mayor Hopkins’ appointment of Steven Piscopiello as Director of Parks and Recreation; to be referred to Special Finance Committee December 16, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION from Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc. for installation of new pole on Charles St.; to be referred to Public Works Committee December 5, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

PETITION from Narragansett Electric for installation of new pole on Pontiac Ave.; to be referred to Public Works Committee December 5, 2024 (vote may be taken) [\[click to view\]](#)

<u>TYPE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT</u>
Property Damage	Maria J. Coppa	10/15/2024
Personal Injury	Michelle Skrobish	10/06/2024

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 collective bargaining:

Update on the Administration’s negotiations and contract details relative to:

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teamsters Local 251, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Municipal Employees for the term beginning July 1, 2024 *(votes may be taken*)*

Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Rhode Island Laborers’ District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, Providence, Rhode Island, of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, AFL-CIO for the term beginning July 1, 2024 *(votes 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

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 November 19, 2024

**Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting was re-posted on the Secretary of State’s website, on the city's website, at Cranston City Hall and at the Cranston Library on November 20, 2024*