

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

“Call for an Independent Investigation”

## Resolution No.

*\*As amended in Committee 11/13/2024*

*Passed:*

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*Jessica M. Marino, Council President*

**WHEREAS**, On August 29, 2024, a Verified 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 was filed.

**WHEREAS**, PC 2024 –4766 is a lawsuit against Kenneth Hopkins (the Mayor), and other employees of the City of Cranston with allegations of fraud, unjust enrichment, wrongful conversion of property, removal and destruction of property, slander of title, and violation of procedural due process and seeks replevin, damages and punitive damages.

**WHEREAS**, said lawsuit and its exhibits are to be attached to this Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, Allegations in this lawsuit include the use of city resources and city employees facilitating Mayor Kenneth Hopkins’s unlawful taking of a private antique car, 1975 Morris Garage MGB Anniversary Edition coupe (referred to as “MG”) owned by the Plaintiff.

**WHEREAS**, there are photographs showing the use of city issued license plate “30000” on the MG and the Mayor has publicly admitted to his possession of the MG, lack of registration, and refusal by plaintiff to accept the Mayor’s offers of money for the sale of the MG as presented by him and other people on the Mayor’s behalf.

**WHEREAS**, there is question of the existence of a legal title, registration, bill of sale, and insurance of the MG while in the possession of the mayor Kenneth Hopkins.

**WHEREAS**, there is question of the extent of the use of the city issued license plate “30000” on the MG

**WHEREAS**, there is question of the use of city employees and other city resources and the extent of liability that the city is exposed to based on the allegations in this Complaint.

47           **WHEREAS**, the City Council takes these allegations seriously ~~\*and it seeks to initiate the~~  
48 ~~appropriate independent investigation into these \*~~, **respects the legal process and that these are**  
49 allegations, including but not limited to the inappropriate use of city employees and city resources  
50 for the Mayor’s private taking of a vehicle having exposed the city to liability, **\*which have yet to**  
51 **be admitted or proven by plaintiff.**

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53           **WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks independence from the legal opinions of the Solicitor  
54 Christopher Millea and from the opinions of all other named defendants in this lawsuit, as to this  
55 City Council’s request for an independent investigation and as to any legal advice in a matter that  
56 these same Defendants are alleged to be directly involved in.

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58           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Honorable Cranston City Council  
59 respectfully requests that **\*should the allegations of the plaintiff be admitted or proven, then** an  
60 independent investigation commence for the reasons articulated in the body of this Resolution.

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63 Sponsored by: Council President Jessica Marino

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65 Referred to Finance Committee on October 7, 2024

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