

1 **CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED RULES**

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3 **As amended January 28, 2019*
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6 **2019 – 2021 Term**

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8 Resolved that the following Rules be and they are hereby adopted as the Rules of the
9 City Council of the City of Cranston.

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12 A. Of the Presiding Officer

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14 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council. The Vice
15 President shall preside in the absence of the President and in the event of a vacancy in the
16 office of the President from any cause arising shall become President. If at any meeting
17 of the Council both the President and Vice President shall be absent, the Council shall
18 elect by majority vote of the members present a presiding officer for that meeting.

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20 2. The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum, shall speak on
21 points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all points of order.
22 Decisions by the chair on points of order are subject to an appeal to the Council by a
23 motion regularly seconded. No other business shall be in order till the question on appeal
24 shall have been decided by a majority vote of the members present.

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26 3. The Presiding Officer shall set forth all principal questions in the order in
27 which they are moved unless a subsequent or secondary motion be previous in its nature.
28 If a subsequent or secondary motion be previous in nature, it shall be decided before the
29 principal question can be acted upon except that in naming sums and fixing times the
30 largest sum and the longest time shall be first.

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32 4. The Council President shall appoint all committees of the City Council
33 and their respective Chair and Vice-Chair. The Council President may appoint from time
34 to time subcommittees of a given standing committee, which shall consist only of
35 member of the committee from which it was appointed. Each subcommittee may hear
36 testimony on matters falling within the scope of its charge and shall report to the original
37 committee from which it was appointed. The President of the Council shall appoint the
38 Chair and Vice-Chair of each subcommittee.

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40 4A. The Council President shall recommend removal of any members of
41 Committees including Chair and Vice-Chair to the City Council who shall by a majority
42 vote accept or reject the Council President’s recommendation.

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47 5. The Presiding Officer of the City Council shall assign all proposed
48 ordinances or other matters before the City Council to the appropriate Standing or Special
49 Committee for the Committee's consideration. If a matter comes before the Council not
50 listed in Rules 19-23 inclusive, the Presiding Officer, at their sole discretion may assign
51 the matter to the most appropriate standing or special committee.
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53 6. As Presiding Officer during a City Council Meeting, the President of the
54 City Council shall have the same rights and privileges which other Council members
55 enjoy, including the right to vote on all matters before it and to be counted for the
56 purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. When present at a meeting of any
57 standing or special committee, as an ex-officio member, the President shall have the right
58 to vote on matters before the committee and to be counted for the purpose of determining
59 whether a quorum is present in the committee.
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61 7. The Council President may invite individuals and guests to the Rostrum
62 from time to time during a Council meeting.
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64 8. If the President wishes to speak on the substance of a matter before the
65 Council, they must relinquish the Rostrum to the Vice-President who will chair the
66 meeting until such time that the President has concluded their remarks. The President
67 must make the comments from a Council member's desk. If the Vice-President is
68 unavailable at the time to chair the meeting when the President wishes to relinquish the
69 rostrum, then the President must relinquish the rostrum to the Majority Leader. If the
70 Majority Leader is not available then the Council shall appoint some other Council
71 member of the Majority Party to chair the meeting during their remarks.
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73 74 B. Of the Order of Business 75

76 9. A majority of all the members of the council shall constitute a quorum
77 of said council, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall
78 be present. At the commencement of each session, the roll shall be called and if a
79 quorum be present, the reading of the minutes of the previous council meeting shall
80 automatically be suspended unless so voted by a majority of the council members
81 present.
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83 10. Order of Business.

- 84 a. Call to Order
- 85 b. Roll Call
- 86 c. Opening Ceremonies
- 87 d. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 88 e. Public Acknowledgements and Commendations
- 89 f. Public Hearings
 - 90 1. All Docketed Resolutions and Ordinances to be
 - 91 reported by and presented by the Council President,

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Council Members and Committees

- g. Reports of Committees, Standing and Special
- h. Public Hearing on any miscellaneous matters not on Council Docket
- i. Election of City Officials
- j. Report of City Officers
- k. Executive Communications
- l. Council President Communications
- m. Council Member Communications
- n. New Business
- o. Miscellaneous Business on City Clerk’s Desk
- p. Adjournment

C. Of Decorum and Debate

11. The Mayor, City Council members, department heads or any member of the public desiring to speak, shall address the chair for a maximum of four (4) minutes and after having been recognized by the chair shall not be interrupted while addressing the assembly except (a) by question of order; (b) by a question of privilege; (c) for the correction of mistake; (d) a call to order.

The speaker shall confine his or her remarks to the merits of the pending question, and shall address all remarks through the chair. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer to protect the speaker’s right to address the assembly. During debate or during voting, no member of the public or council shall be permitted to disturb the assembly or hamper the transaction of business. This rule shall not preclude a Councilmember’s exercise of their right of personal privilege.

12. When a principal question is under debate, the chair shall recognize no other subsequent motions except (a) to adjourn (undebatable); (b) to lay on the table (undebatable); (c) to recess (debatable); (d) to postpone to a day specified or indefinitely (debatable); (e) to commit (debatable); (f) to amend (debatable); or (g) to move the previous question (undebatable). The aforementioned motions shall have precedence in the order here named. Every member who shall be present when a question is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by an ethical recusal or is excused by vote of two thirds of the members present. Such vote shall be taken without debate.

13. With the exception of Public Acknowledgements and Commendations which may be approved by a voice vote, all voting shall be by roll call and the yeas and nays of the individual members shall in all cases be recorded in the journal. During a roll call vote, said roll call shall not be interrupted, delayed or stopped by the Presiding Officer or any member of the council for any reason whatsoever including points of order, personal privilege or for a member to explain his vote. The roll call of members shall be taken in the following manner: that manner shall be prescribed by the Council President. No ordinance, resolution, motion or vote, except by motions of a purely

138 procedural nature, shall be adopted by the council and no appointment or removal shall
139 be made by less than the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members of the council.

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141 14. A motion to reconsider is in order at any time during the same
142 meeting or at an adjourned meeting; however, it must be made by a member who voted
143 with the prevailing side. In the event of a tie vote, a member who voted on either side
144 may make a motion to reconsider. Any member can second the motion. When a motion
145 to reconsider has been decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered.

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147 15. Every Council member shall have the opportunity to speak at least
148 once on the principal question before a vote is taken; and no member shall speak more
149 than once until all other members desiring to speak thereon shall have done so. No
150 member shall speak more than twice on the same question, if any member objects,
151 without the permission of the council being first asked and obtained. For such objection
152 to be sustained, it shall be put to a roll call vote of the members.

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155 D. Of Committees

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158 16. A. There shall be appointed immediately after the organization of
the City Council, the following standing committees, viz:

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Committee on Finance
Committee on Public Works
Committee on Safety Services and Licenses
Committee on Ordinance
Committee on Claims
Committee on Rules
Committee on City & School Buildings & Safety

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169 B. All agendas must be approved by respective Committee Chairman,
and may comply with the following format:

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- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Old Business
 Business left on last agenda
- 4) Correspondence
- 5) Public Hearings
- 6) New Business
- 7) Adjournment

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180 ***The Committee Chair may amend the above format at their discretion.***

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183 C. Special Committees may be established from time to time by a
184 majority vote of the Council. The Special Committee known as the Flood Committee
185 shall be absorbed into the Public Works Committee.

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187 17. The standing committees shall each consist of five members of the
188 Council, but said number may be increased at the discretion of the Council President. At
189 least ~~one~~ **two** members of such standing committee shall be ~~a~~ members of the minority
190 party, unless the ~~entire~~ Council consists of **less than two** members of the ~~same~~ **minority**
191 party. The President of the Council shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and
192 shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

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194 The schedule of standing committee meetings shall be established by the
195 Chairperson of each respective committee.

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197 Special meetings of a committee may be called by the chairperson or three
198 members of that committee upon notice given three work days prior to the date of the
199 special meeting. An agenda of all business to be considered or transacted at a committee
200 meeting or minutes of the Council or committee meeting shall be mailed electronically to
201 all committee members not less than three work days before regularly scheduled or
202 special meetings and no item of business may receive a public hearing or be considered
203 or acted upon by the committee unless it appears on the agenda or on the call of the
204 special meeting, or unless all members present at the regular or special meeting consent
205 thereto.

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207 The chairperson or the member presiding of a standing committee may in
208 their discretion limit the remarks of the citizen to a period of time not more than four (4)
209 minutes per agenda item and may, in their discretion, limit the remarks by the citizenry to
210 a period of time not less than fifteen minutes per agenda item. The chairperson or
211 member presiding of a standing committee shall preserve order and decorum among
212 committee members and citizens outside the rail. Any person addressing the committee
213 shall confine their remarks to the merit of the matter under consideration, subject to the
214 discretion of the Chairperson.

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216 18. All financial reports presented to the City Council and all matters
217 before the Council relative to the city debt or to the revenue and expenditures of the City
218 or relating to public welfare or to the printing of documents ordered by the City Council
219 shall be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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221 19. All matters before the Council relative and the setting and maintenance
222 of poles on highways and bridges, and the sewer system, or to railroads and public
223 conveyances or to the setting, location and maintenance of street lights, together with all
224 contracts for lighting the public streets, parks and square of the City; all matters before
225 the Council relating to the construction, maintenance and repair of city property and all
226 matters before the Council relating to parks, recreation and civic affairs; all matters
227 before the Council relating to the erection and location of buildings designated by
228 ordinance shall be referred to the Committee on Public Works.

229 20. All matters before the Council relating to the management, control,
230 care, maintenance and direction of the fire department and fire department equipment of
231 the city, the location of street hydrants and fire alarm signals and the storage and
232 transportation of petroleum products, hydrocarbons, and other explosives – all matters
233 before the Council relating to the police department and all matters over which the City
234 Council sitting as a board of license commissioners has control or jurisdiction – shall be
235 referred to the Committee on Safety Services and Licenses.
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237 21. All matters before the Council not specifically set forth in Rules 19-
238 24 and not assigned to any of the committees mentioned in the Rules including, but not
239 limited to traffic signals and street signage, shall be referred to the Committee on
240 Ordinances.
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242 22. All matters before the Council relating to claims against the city
243 arising from any cause shall be referred to the Committee on Claims.
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245 23. Any person, group or organization wishing to make a presentation to
246 the City Council must first make said presentation to the appropriate committee as
247 determined by the Council President. A presentation is shall consist of an oral
248 presentation by the person or persons in attendance, and any written materials, audio,
249 video or third party materials only if approved by the Council President, Vice President if
250 they are presiding, or the Chairperson of any Standing Committee.
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252 24. Assuming a quorum of a committee is present and voting on a matter,
253 and the vote on the matter has the majority of members voting in the affirmative, then the
254 matter will be reported out by the Committee Chair to the full Council for their
255 consideration with a recommendation of “passage.” Matters recommended for passage,
256 including the budget, shall be considered by the full council as amended and passed by
257 the committee.
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259 25. Assuming a quorum of a committee is present and voting on a
260 matter, and the vote on the matter has the majority of members voting in the negative, or
261 results in a tie vote, then the matter will be reported out in the minutes of the committee
262 that the matter has been voted in the negative or tie vote, and the matter will be placed on
263 the Council Docket for informational purposes only and no vote will be taken. ***Any***
264 ***matter that fails passage, as set out above, shall be ineligible for re-introduction as***
265 ***new business, unless there is substantial change, for a period of one year.***
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267 26. If a matter/ordinance has been considered by a committee, but the
268 committee needs further information/testimony or substantial amendments or changes
269 need to be made to it, or if the committee is not prepared to vote the matter up or down
270 for whatever reason, the matter can be tabled by a vote of the committee for a definite
271 period of time, not to exceed three (3) months. If after three months no action is taken on
272 the Ordinance, it will no longer appear on the agenda and will be considered terminated.
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275 27. For a matter to be considered by a committee again once placed on the
276 table, a procedural motion must be made and seconded to “remove it from the table” to
277 allow it to be considered by the committee again. A majority vote of the committee is
278 required to remove a matter from the table.

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280 28. Any committee member, except the Chair, may make a motion and/or
281 second someone else’s motion, however the Chair may second any motion presented.

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283 29. Any Council member may request of the Council President that their
284 name be removed or added as a sponsor of any ordinance or resolution at any time before
285 its final passage by the full Council. An ordinance must have at least one sponsor in
286 order for the ordinance to be considered for passage. Said decision to add or remove a
287 sponsor shall be made by the President, however when a member submits an ordinance or
288 resolution for consideration his or her name shall not be removed without said sponsor’s
289 approval.

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291 E. Of Admission to the Council Chamber

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293 30. No person shall be allowed inside the rail of the Council Chamber
294 during a session of the Council, excepting members and officers of the Council and
295 authorized representatives of the public media who may be assigned designated space by
296 the Chair; unless by special invitation of the chair or of a member of the Council through
297 and with the approval of the chair, provided, however, that the mayor, City Solicitor and
298 the Director of Finance and Public Works and other essential personnel shall be assigned
299 permanent seats in the Council Chamber by the Presiding Officer. All meetings of the
300 Council and its committees shall be open to the public.

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303 F. Miscellaneous Provisions

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305 31. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary of these rules, at the
306 conclusion of the regular business meeting each month, a member may introduce an
307 omnibus resolution of congratulations and/or an omnibus resolution of condolence. Upon
308 unanimous passage of said resolution or resolutions, a number shall be assigned to the
309 resolution by the City Clerk or Deputy. If during the month subsequent to the regular
310 business meeting any Council Member considers it appropriate that the congratulations or
311 condolences of the City should be offered to any citizen, the Council Member may
312 contact the City Clerk or Deputy who shall prepare the congratulations or condolences in
313 resolution form with appropriate language using the omnibus number assigned followed
314 by an alphabetical letter. Said Clerk or Deputy shall then transmit the document to the
315 Council President for approval and signature. Upon said signature, the Clerk or Deputy
316 shall transmit the document as directed by the Council Member.

320 The monthly omnibus resolution shall expire at the opening of the next
321 month's regular business meeting at which time the Clerk or Deputy shall submit copies
322 to each Council Member of all congratulations or condolence issued pursuant to the
323 omnibus resolutions.
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325 32. The clerk of the City Council shall cause to be printed a docket of the
326 business to be considered at each regular meeting of the City Council. Said docket to be
327 approved by the Council President. The Council President, the Mayor, all committee
328 chairpersons, all committees by vote thereof, having reports to make or business to
329 present shall furnish said Clerk with a definite statement in writing of the business to be
330 presented at least seven (7) calendar days before said meeting of the City Council, in
331 order that the same may be printed on said docket; and no ordinance, resolution, petition,
332 order or other matter of business shall be considered unless notice of the same shall have
333 been given as herein provided and includes the estimated cost beyond the normal
334 operational costs which are budgeted. Said docket and all ordinances and docketed
335 resolutions described therein, shall either be mailed by US postal mail, electronically or
336 delivered in person to the members of the Council, the Mayor, and to the relevant
337 department heads at least one hundred and twenty (120) hours previous to the meeting of
338 the City Council.
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340 33. The Mayor or any of the Council or committee of the Council shall be
341 entitled to introduce ordinances. Any ordinance referred to the City Council for
342 consideration shall be processed in accordance with Section 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14
343 and 3.15 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter, said sections being wholly incorporated
344 herein by reference thereto.
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346 34. All matters of new business not appearing on said docket or presented
347 in open meeting shall be referred to a standing committee unless unanimous consent of
348 all members present is given for immediate discussion. No final action will be taken on
349 any new business which has not satisfied the notice requirements of the Rhode Island
350 Open Meetings Act, unless it is an unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action.
351 RIGL 42-46 et seq.¹
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353 34A. Any matter of business appearing on the City Council docket shall
354 not be acted upon unless a copy of the proposed legislation shall have been made
355 available in the City Clerk's Office by 12 o'clock noon the Wednesday prior to the
356 council meeting. Any matter of business appearing on said docket shall be made
357 available to the general public in the City Clerk's Office no later than 9 o'clock A.M. the
358 Thursday prior to the City Council meeting.
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360 34B. Any new business, and shall include any and all Resolutions which
361 have or may have a fiscal impact, including those urging action or passage of legislation,
362 but shall not include Resolutions which are purely ceremonial in nature, not appearing on
363 the Council docket shall be submitted in final form to the City Clerk's Office no later
364 than twelve noon on the Friday prior to the council meeting. All new business shall be

365 forwarded electronically to the City Council at the close of business on Friday and copies
366 shall be placed on the desk of each council member and the Mayor before the beginning
367 of the council meeting. Any new business which was not timely filed in accordance to
368 this rule, may only be introduced upon an affirmative vote for introduction by the
369 Council. No new business sponsored by the Mayor for introduction to the City Council
370 shall be accepted for introduction by the City Clerk, unless it has been reviewed and
371 presented by the City Solicitor or Assistant City Solicitor.
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373 34C. If the City Council wishes to debate and act on a motion tabled
374 in any Committee for any reason, a procedural motion must be made and seconded
375 during a Council meeting, to bring the matter before the full Council despite it being
376 tabled in Committee. Such a procedural motion must receive the votes of 2/3 of the
377 Council present and voting to pass, and allow the original motion to be considered by the
378 full Council. Once the original motion is removed from a Committee's table, it is treated
379 like any other motion reported out of Committee to the full Council.
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381 35. All petitions, acts, resolutions, reports and other communications
382 submitted to the City Council, by any committee, standing or special, shall be written on
383 a template, on paper or electronically, of uniform size and style which shall be furnished
384 by the City Clerk. Such papers shall be endorsed by the member representing the same,
385 and no other endorsement or report except such as may be made by the Clerk of the
386 Committee of the City Council, shall be made thereon. Reports shall be signed by the
387 Chairman of the committee unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.
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389 36. Regular meetings of this said City Council shall be held on the fourth
390 (4) Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM and adjourn no later than 12 midnight, except that
391 the last meeting in December shall be held on the third (3) Monday of that month. In the
392 event that said fourth (4) Monday of any given month shall fall upon a legally designated
393 holiday, State or Federal, said meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day;
394 and further provided, however, in the event that any given regular council meeting shall
395 fall upon a holiday eve, said Council at the next preceding regular meeting, may in its
396 discretion by a majority vote of those present at said meeting, declare the next regular
397 meeting of said council shall be held on the next business day subsequent to said holiday
398 eve.
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400 36A. Special meetings of this City Council may be called pursuant to the
401 provisions of Section 3.07 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Section 2.04.060 of
402 the City Code which are incorporated herein by reference thereto.
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404 B. Special meeting of the City Council may be called by the Mayor,
405 Council President or any three members of the City Council.
406 Emergency Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority
407 of the City Council.

408 C. Special and emergency meetings must comply with all notice
409 requirements of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act, RIGL 42-46 et
410 seq.

411 37. Any regular or special meeting may by action of a majority of the
412 members present be adjourned to a time fixed in such motion and such adjourned meeting
413 shall be treated in all respects as a continuation of the original meeting.
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415 38. Pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter, citizens
416 shall be entitled to be heard at all regular meetings, special meetings, and scheduled
417 hearings of the Council and its committees on matters within the authority of the Council
418 as follows:

- 419 A. Any person wishing to speak before the Cranston City
420 Council on any docketed item shall sign a Speakers'
421 Sheet which will be available in the Council Chambers
422 one half hour prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers
423 shall list their name, address and the particular issue or
424 issues upon which they wish to be heard, and must
425 disclose whether they are a registered lobbyist, or a
426 member or officer, director employee of any organization
427 that may have an interest in the matter before the council.
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- 429 B. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the rights of
430 the Mayor or the heads of several departments to be heard
431 as provided in Rule 8 hereof.
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- 433 C. These rules shall not be construed as limiting the rights of
434 the citizenry to be heard on matters relative to zoning and
435 licensing.
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- 437 D. Any additional matter of business not appearing on said
438 docket, requiring and upon receiving unanimous consent
439 of the council members present, shall entail public
440 participation.
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- 442 E. All meetings of the Council and its committees shall be
443 open to the public except under special circumstances as
444 provided by State Law. Citizens shall be heard on
445 matters which appear upon the docket of business for a
446 regular meeting of the Council, upon the notice given of a
447 special meeting of the Council and upon the agenda of a
448 standing committee of the Council. All such hearings
449 will be held only during the designated "Public Hearing"
450 portion of a meeting except when resolutions are being
451 considered under executive communications. Except for
452 discussion pertinent to such resolutions all public
453 hearings, remarks, or questioning will take place during
454 the designated public hearing portion of the meeting.
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456 F. The remarks of a citizens or their attorney on docketed or
457 any other matter of business shall be limited to a period
458 of time not to exceed four (4) minutes during each regular
459 or special meeting. In addition, the time limit for any
460 citizen or their attorney who also desires to address the
461 Council pursuant to Rule 38A shall be extended to a
462 period of time not exceeding five (5) minutes during the
463 meeting. The remarks of any one (1) matter by the
464 citizenry shall be limited to a period of time not
465 exceeding fifteen (15) minutes during the meeting. These
466 time limits will be enforced by the presiding officer.
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468 G. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth
469 above, in Zone Change or Zoning Map amendment
470 proceedings, the time limits set forth above shall not
471 apply and the proponents and opponents of such
472 changes shall be allowed a reasonable time to present
473 their positions.

474 39. On a case by case basis, any of the foregoing Rules may be
475 suspended for good cause during a Council meeting or a meeting of a Standing or Special
476 Committee, for that particular instance, after such a request has been made by a Council
477 member who is part of said body and approved by a majority of votes of the members of
478 said body.
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480 40. Except as otherwise provided, the prevailing current issue of
481 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER shall control parliamentary procedure of the Council,
482 however, if during the course of their work in Committee or on the full Council, members
483 encounter a situation not sufficiently addressed through these Rules, he/she should bring
484 that situation to the attention of the President of the Council and the Chair of the Rules
485 Committee as soon as possible, so that the matter may be addressed more clearly within
486 these Rules.
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488 41. A. When the City Council or a Council Committee is in session in the
489 Council Chambers, there will be no use of cell phones or electronic pagers, in a manner
490 that is audible to others, audio/visual presentation equipment, or other device, without
491 express approval by the presiding Council Member. Private discussions should be kept to
492 a respectful tone so as to not disturb the proceedings. The presiding officer shall warn
493 those disturbing the proceedings to be respectful and considerate of those attending to the
494 business of the meeting. If those disturbing the meeting continue to do so after the
495 warning, the presiding officer may order they be removed and those persons may be
496 subject to any civil or criminal penalties. Under no such circumstances, shall the
497 recording of meetings be prohibited unless it violates fire code.
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499 B. No member of the council shall disseminate any information obtained or received
500 orally or in writing, pursuant to an Executive Session of the Council, to anyone,
501 except a City Solicitor, The Mayor, or an outside attorney hired by the City to

502 represent the City and the Council in the subject matter of the Executive Session,
503 unless the Attorney/Client Privilege above mentioned, has been waived by
504 consent of all nine members of the Council, or the council has been ordered by a
505 court of competent jurisdiction to reveal privileged information.

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- 507 C. Violation of the rule in paragraph B above shall be referred to the Rules
508 Committee or the full Council and be placed on the docket for review of any
509 ethical violations under the City Charter or Rhode Island General Laws.
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- 511 D. Specific statement of all business must be listed on any agenda/docket. Matters
512 not listed may be addressed by unanimous consent. The matter can be discussed
513 or referred to committee. No vote can be taken unless it's an "unexpected
514 occurrence requiring immediate action", RIGL 42-46-6(b) .
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- 516 E. Rhode Island's Open Meetings Act requires forty eight hours advance posting,
517 however the forty eight hour notice is waived for emergency meetings. Notice
518 and agenda must be posted as soon as practicable. Business in any emergency
519 meeting is limited to issues that created the emergency. RIGL 42-46-6(b) and (c).
520 Special meetings have additional requirement of newspaper advertising under the
521 Code, however, this is waived for emergencies. Cranston City Code 2-10.2.
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- 523 F. Council members receive mobile electronic devices such as laptop computers or
524 tablet computers in order to receive and view documents, agendas and other City
525 related business materials. Based upon the rapid depreciation of said devices and
526 the normal succession of council members the following depreciation schedule is
527 established when a member wishes to retain their device after leaving the Council:
528 After year one a payment of \$100.00 is due; After year two a payment of \$50.00
529 is due; after year three and thereafter a payment of \$25.00 is due; Payment of the
530 above reimbursement to the City IT department shall be made from the Orders of
531 the Council to the City as a Courtesy of said Council Members Service. If a
532 device or lost, stolen or destroyed the device is replaced by the City with no cost
533 to the Councilmember, however, the depreciation schedule will restart at the time
534 of replacement.
- 535