A Special meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

Also Present: Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Mike Igoe, City Controller; Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor; David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

In Accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Section 3.07 and 6.03 thereof, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, at which meeting the following items of business shall be transacted:

Adoption of Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020:

Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget and Salary Schedule for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Insurance Fund and the Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the four succeeding years.

Ordinance Making Annual Appropriation for the City of Cranston for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Resolution Levying and Ordering the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Section 6.11 of the Home Rule Charter;

Ordinance Fixing the Date When Taxes Are Assessed, Due and Payable and the Date When Unpaid Taxes Will Carry a Penalty

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 29th day of April 2019

/s/ Michael J Farina, 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, May 2, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Cranston City Hall, Council Chambers, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 29th day of April 2019 to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as amended.

Under Discussion:

The following amendments were proposed and voted on:

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #1107-42150 “Municipal Court Fines” and increase Revenue by $10,000 and those funds go to increase salary for Judges.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos asked Director Strom his opinion regarding this amendment and whether it is realistic. Director Strom stated that $10,000 seems reasonable.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend line item #1107-42150 and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1306-54602 “Refuse Removal – Tipping Fees - Expenditure” reducing it by $10,000.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that this was at the suggestion of the City Council Budget Analyst.

David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst, appeared to speak and stated that currently, Expenditures is tracking at $980,000 and it has been consistent and recycling rate is nearing 20%, this is how he came up with this amendment. He is confident that the rate of recycling will get up to 30%.

Councilmember Stycos stated that we need some evidence that the recycling rate will near 30% because it never has.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas and Donegan -3.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #1306-54603 “Refuse Removal – Other Expenses” reducing it by $5,000.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Vargas asked for explanation of this amendment.

Mr. Dimaio stated that he analyzed current Expenditure and it is tracking at $44,000 and has been consistent.

Councilmember Stycos asked, through Director Strom, if Public Works Director Mason has an opinion on this. Director Strom stated that he has not had a discussion with him. We based this on the actual budget numbers.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1306-54607 “Refuse Removal - White Goods” reducing it by $10,000.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that during the department’s budget hearing, it was indicated that this was tracking lower.

Director Strom stated that Expenses is running around 52% for FY 2019.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #1108-52610 “Board of Canvassers – Election” reduced by $15,000.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that according to Registrar Lima, we are going to have less polling places for the Presidential Primary, therefore, there will be a reduction in costs.

Councilmember McAuley asked how many polling places there will be. Council Vice-President Favicchio stated twelve instead of fifteen.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #1202-53209 “Police Rent Impact Fees” transfer $10,000 to “Police Rent”. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1202-51118 “Police School Safety” and transfer $10,000 to this line item. Motion to amend line item #1107-421-50 and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.
On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1107-51100 by increasing “Municipal Court Salary Schedule – Payroll” by $8,225, which would represent raises for Judges.

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilmember Stycos** urged the Council members to vote against this amendment because we do not know where we are going with these amendments. Priorities should be for Rental Assistance Program that is run by CCAP and also School Safety. It is more important to address the class sizes rather than raises for Judges.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #1107-51300 “Municipal Court – Payroll Taxes” increasing it by $629.00.

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that he agrees that the Judges’ salaries are low, but one of the reasons is because we have so many Judges where other cities and towns may have one or two Judges.

**Councilmember Vargas** agreed with Councilmember Stycos that the salaries are low, but we are trying to fund the School Department properly as well.

**Councilmember Donegan** agreed with Councilmembers Vargas and Stycos.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1108-51100 “Board of Canvassers - Salary” changing the Step for the Registrar from Grade 27/4 to Grade 27/7 an increase of $4,316.00. Motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas and Donegan -3.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1108-51300 “Board of Canvassers – Payroll Taxes” for Registrar an increase of $330.00. Motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas and Donegan -3.
On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #1102-52216 “City Council – Grant Writer” an increase of $6,000.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that with the retirement of Police Officer who handled Grants for the Police Department, and with the retirement of Chief Patenaude of the Fire Department, who handled Grants for the Fire Department, the Grant Writer will be tasked with a few other projects, including assisting the Police and Fire Department. She needs some incentive for the work she does.

Councilmember Stycos stated that if the Police Department wrote Grants in the past, why is the Police Department not funding for this. Director Strom stated that there has been a void in the Fire Department also since Chief Patenaude’s retirement. There are people in the Police Department that do Grants, but you need to fill that void with our Grant Writer to assist them.

Director Parrillo stated that as to Chief Patenaude, he gave two week’s notice and no one can learn how to write Grants in two weeks.

Director Strom stated that the Grant Writer will also assist other departments, such as Parks and Recreation and Senior Services, with Grants, not just the Police and Fire.

Councilmember Brady stated that we are paying our Grant Writer far less than any non-profits he works with.

Councilmember Vargas stated that she will be supporting this amendment because it is going to offset some costs whether it is with the Police or Fire Department.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos and Donegan -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #1202-53212 “Police Explorer Program” increasing it by $2,000. Motion to amend line item #1107-421-50 and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #1102-52214 “City Council – Orders of the Council” increasing it by $48,500.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated we were advised of a ruling that PTO organizations cannot charge for field trips. He stated that part of that money will be to take $20,000 - $29,000 to be able to reimburse the 29 PTO organizations in Cranston to help them and the rest would be for overages for live streaming of all our meetings or anything else the City Council sees fit to use those funds for.

Councilmember Brady stated that that is just a suggestion, but the PTO can use those funds for whatever they want.
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Councilmember Stycos stated that although this is a well intention, it is not a good one. It opens the door for a legislative grant system. Also, some schools have a larger student population than others and some schools are poorer than others. He would recommend giving the $29,000 to the School Department and have the Schools finance the trips that are beneficial to the students.

Daniel Wall, School Committee Chair, appeared to speak and stated that he would rather see the $29,000 given to the School Department and have the School Department distribute the money.

Janice Ruggieri, School Committee member, appeared to speak and stated that there are twenty seven schools including Sanders School, Horton School and Early Childhood Care, 18-21 Program and with Chester Barrows closing.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that this is just an appropriation. We have until July 1st to decide what we are going to do with the money. We are trying to help the PTO organizations without creating a Maintenance of Effort.

Councilmember Stycos questioned if there could be a separate motion. One for the $29,000 and another for the remainder of the money for the live streaming. Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that it all goes into the same account.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4.

Councilmember Stycos stated that of the amendments he is proposing, the savings would be split – 80% to Rental Assistance Program operated by CCAP and 20% to School Safety.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to add line item #1107-42151 and create “Municipal Court Revenue” that would change to “Municipal Court Traffic Fines” adding $625,000 and second line item “Municipal Court – Building Code Fines” and “Miscellaneous Violations” adding $5,000 in each line item.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that this would separate out traffic fines and Municipal Court from Building Code Fines in the budget. The $10,000 was just a number he made up. If anyone would like that number changed, that is fine.

Councilmember Paplauskas asked if there are other fines other than traffic. Solicitor stated that there are some Housing, Traffic and Animal Control.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to amend line item #56011 “Library” to -0- by adding new line item called “Allocation to Reserve”. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.
Councilmember Stycos motioned to establish “Ice Rink - Revenue” as a group in the Budget with $750,000. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

**Under Discussion:**

**Director Strom** stated that it would have to be set up as an Enterprise Fund.

**Council President Farina** stated that he does not think an amendment is germane because this amendment is adding something that is not in this Budget.

**Director Strom** stated that this is not part of the General Fund.

**City Clerk** stated that a proper motion should be to ask the Administration to have this added to the Budget and it is up to the Administration on how it is set up.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** stated that he does not have a problem placing this issue on the Finance Agenda to make this part of the Budget. The question is, is this properly before us?

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that it is our Budget. The Council wants to put this in the Budget and they have the right to do that.

**Solicitor** stated that this is not properly before the Council and should not be discussed any further. This could be done in next year’s Budget. This is not procedurally proper.

**Council President Farina** asked Chair of Finance Committee to discuss this at the Finance Committee.

**Director Strom** presented a handout.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** stated that the handout provided by Director Strom shows the Ice Rink as “Ice Rink Enterprise Fund” and Councilmember Stycos would like it changed from “Ice Rink Enterprise Fund” to a general item in the Budget. We need counsel guidance on how to set this up.

**Councilmember Donegan** questioned why this was not in the Budget to begin with. Director Strom stated that we have various Funds that are not in the Budget, such as this Fund. The City Council receives a financial monthly statement of the activity of these Funds. This is nothing that the Administration is trying to conceal from the general public. It is not part of the General Fund. The Budget is for General Fund and Capital Projects.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmember Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan - 4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Hopkins, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to amend Capital Budget by deleting “Doric Ave. Walking Track” a decrease of $70,000.

**Councilmember Stycos** indicated that this track has already been repaired.

**Council President Farina** asked Director Strom what the debt service is on $70,000. Director Strom stated approximately $2,100 for next year.
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Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

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Councilmember Stycos motioned to cut Library Projects by $90,000. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that during the department’s Budget hearing, it was stated that they have a Reserve Fund. They can use those funds for this.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady and Council Vice-President Favicchio -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmember Paplauskas and Council President Farina -2.

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On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to reduce “Fire Station Upgrades” from $400,000 to $350,000.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that during the department’s Budget hearing, part of the projects stated, such as painting, replacement of floor and electrical work, are not Capital Improvement projects.

Assistant Chief Paul Valletta appeared to speak and asked that the City Council not cut this by $50,000. They do need floor replacement for some Stations. Prior Administrations have neglected the Stations. The Chief’s handout that had been provided to Councilmember Stycos totaled approximately $300,000, but it did not include plumbing in the Stations that need upgrades. These are 90-year old buildings.

Councilmember Hopkins stated that he has been in all the Stations and he agrees that they do need some work. If he could appropriate more money, he would.

Councilmembers Paplauskas and Brady also agreed that the Stations do need work.

Councilmember Vargas stated that she toured the Stations this past weekend and she also agrees that they do need a lot of repairs. She asked if it is possible, if the $400,000 is appropriated, the City Council receive an update of where the $400,000 was spent and at which Stations. Assistant Chief Valletta stated, absolutely. He also stated that repairs that need to be done are going to cost over $400,000. Whatever is approved, they would have to sit down and prioritized.

On motion by Councilmember Vargas, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to amend the above motion from $350,000 to $375,000. Motion failed on a vote of 2-7. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos and Vargas -2. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

Councilmember Stycos withdrew his motion to reduce “Fire Station Upgrades” from $400,000 to $350,000. Councilmember Vargas withdrew her second to the motion.

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On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to cut $750,000 from Sewer Projects, as they are included in the Operating Budget.

Under Discussion:

**Council President Farina** indicated that this would correct error in the Capital Budget.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to amend line item #1116-52932 “System Upgrade” to reduce item for security cameras from $50,000 to $41,000.

Under Discussion:

**Councilmember Paplauskas** questioned if this is a nice to have or need to have. Director Parrillo stated that in this day in age, it is a necessity.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 3-6. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas and Donegan -3. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to amend line item #1901-52061 “Cranston Conservation Commission” from $5,500 to $2,500.

Under Discussion:

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that the Commission has not spent close to $2,000 this Fiscal Year. The difference would go to the Schools and to the Rental Assistance Program.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to amend line item #1104-51200 “Part-Time Help” to $25,162, a savings of $15,000.

Under Discussion:

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that Part-Time Help in this Fiscal Year Budget is only used by 56%. Of this savings, 80% would go to the Schools and 20% to the Rental Assistance Program. If this position is not approved then the full-time position proposed not be approved.

**Director Parrillo** stated that cutting the amount in half is fair, but not $15,000.

Motion and second were withdrawn.
On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to amend “Personnel – Part-Time Help” reducing it by $7,500. Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend “Personnel Part-Time Help” reducing it by $10,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to transfer $39,252 from the Budget Stabilization Fund and allocate it to the School Department. Under Discussion:

 Council Vice-President Favicchio questioned what this Fund was set up to cover. City Clerk referred to Section in the City Code regarding the Budget Stabilization Fund and stated that it does not designate any particular use. She also indicated that there is also a Budget Stabilization Fund for the School Department.

Director Strom stated that any extra funding to the Schools goes towards the Maintenance of Efforts and has to be funding following years.

Council President Farina stated that he will not support this. He does not believe in creating a structural deficit.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan and Brady -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -4.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to amend line item #1902-49130 “Harbor Master – Revenues” increasing it by $2,550. Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that this increase would be to increase Mooring Fees.

Councilmember Paplauskas stated that by keeping these fees low, we would be enticing people to come to our City and spend their summers in Cranston.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5.
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On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to transfer Residual Revenues from Juvenile Hearing Board in the amount of $6,266 and place them in the “Rental Assistance Program”.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio questioned where those funds would go.

Director Strom stated that a new line item would have to be created to place those funds in.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to create a new Group 1900-52048 entitled “CCAP Rental Assistance”. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to amend line item #1105-42128 “Miscellaneous Licenses” increasing it to $4,305 funded by increasing “Fireworks License Fee from $55 to $150.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Paplauskas stated that he is not in favor of this amendment since renewal applications have already been sent out and it is a big increase.

Council Vice-President Favicchio cautioned that the City may get sued so he is not in favor of this amendment. He also indicated that fees almost tripled.

Councilmember Paplauskas stated that he is open to increasing the fees, but not in such short notice. He is open to increasing the fees for next year.

Councilmember Hopkins questioned reason for this increase. Councilmember Stycos stated that it would raise a little Revenue and also these are dangerous and people are making money selling them and they have not gotten any safer.

Councilmember Hopkins questioned Assistant Chief Valletta if there has been a spike in the injuries since the fireworks became legal. Assistant Chief Valletta stated that there has been an increase in injury case.

Council President Farina asked Assistant Chief Valletta if he thinks that by raising the fees it would reduce the number of injuries. Assistant Chief Valletta stated that no.

Councilmember Hopkins asked Councilmember Stycos if he would be open to reducing the increase to possibly $100. Councilmember Stycos stated that he would be open to raising the fees to $100 rather than $150.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that there is no justification for this.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote of 3-6. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas and Donegan -3. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, McAuley, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6.
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On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, it was voted to amend line item #1200-43100 and City Code 8.08.030 “Gas Petroleum Permits” Revenue, increase to $6,600.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that we do not have an actual justification for this increase. This would have to be done by Ordinance.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion failed on a vote 4-5. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Vargas, McAuley and Donegan -4. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmembers Hopkins, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -5.

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On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to add $45,518 to the School Department.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Stycos stated that total savings of $49,252 be added - $45,408 to Group 1800 to Schools City Maintenance of Effort and $3,834 plus $6,626 = $10,000 to CCAP for Rental Assistance Program.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that we have taken care of the Schools and we do not know where those funds are going and we are not giving anything back to the taxpayers.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas and Council President Farina -8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council Vice-President Favicchio -1.

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On motion by councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Donegan, it was voted to add $3,734 plus the initial $6,626 to the CCAP Rental Assistance Program bringing total additional appropriation to $10,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

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On motion by Councilmember Donegan, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to add new line item in the Claims Budget entitled “Settlements”.

Under Discussion:

Solicitor suggested that this be discussed by the Claims Committee. Logistically, he is not sure this can be done.

Councilmember McAuley stated that, as Chair of the Claims Committee, he will make this a priority to discuss it during a Claims Committee meeting.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution as amended. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

ORDINANCE MAKING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance as amended. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF VALUATIONS AND LEVY OF TAXES

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

ORDINANCE FIXING THE DATE WHEN TAXES ARE ASSESSED, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018 WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE AND THE DATE WHEN UNPAID TAXES WILL CARRY A PENALTY

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to adopt the above Ordinance as amended. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees