

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cranston was held on Monday, July 28, 2003.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:06 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

Also Present: Mayor Stephen P. Laffey; Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration; Jametta Alston, City Solicitor; Jerome Baron, Director of Finance; Mike Igoe, City Controller; Pat Quinlan, City Council Counsel.

Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and stand approved as recorded.

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Council President extended congratulations to the Grimes family who recently had a new addition to their family, an 8 pound 11 ounce baby boy.

“PROCLAMATION HONORING CHRISTOPHER T. DELSESTO, JR., ESQ.”

The Proclamation was read into the record by the City Clerk.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve the above Proclamation on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

Mr. DelSesto spoke and expressed his appreciation.

Council President Pastore made comments regarding Johnson and Wales University and recognized Mayor Laffey in the audience.

II. INTRODUCTION OF UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

The Council took a five minute recess.

Council President Pastore stated that after speaking to the Solicitor, it is his understanding that there will be no undocketed Resolution introduced reporting \$2.9 Million from the Supplemental Tax to the Cranston School Hospitalization Fund and \$2.3 Million to the Insurance and Risk Management Fund for this evening. The intended Resolution to be introduced should be done as an Ordinance rather than a Resolution so there is a permanent record in the books.

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III. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION ROLL: JOHN D. MORETTI, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Pastore stated that Cayer Prescott, Clune & Chatellier have notified the City in letters dated June 27, 2003 and July 21, 2003 that the firm is reorganizing and changing its name to Prescott, Chatellier, Fontaine & Wilkinson, LLP. James Prescott, who has handled the City Audit, will be continuing with municipal audits and government work. The remainder of the firm as Cayer Caccia, LLP will be doing private auditing work. Currently, our City Ordinance prohibits a firm from auditing for more than five consecutive years. If the Council elects to renew, this will be treated as the third year of a five year audit period being handled by the firm as there are three years still remaining on the contract. The reorganization does not mean they will start as year one.

Council President Pastore stated that Mr. Quinlan has reviewed the documents and spoken to Mr. Prescott who provided him with a portion of confidential firm documents regarding the reorganization. Under the terms of the reorganization all the municipal work remains with Prescott, Chatellier, Fontaine & Wilkinson, LLP. The same principals who have been working on the City audit will continue to work with the successor firm. Council President Pastore stated that he wanted the Council to be aware of the reorganization because we need to execute a new engagement letter. Though the City has been cited in the past for not having a timely audit, it was not due to Mr. Prescott’s firm.

Councilman McDonough asked if the firm was in agreement. Council President Pastore stated they were. Councilman Fung asked if there were any successor changes. Council President Pastore stated that they were bound by pricing schedule originally contracted for. Based on their past performance it would be in the City’s best interest to remain with the firm.

Councilman Fung asked the City Solicitor if she was in agreement. Ms. Alston responded that she had not been made privy to the documents or to the discussions.

It was unanimously voted approve the continuation of the City’s auditing contract with the reorganized firm of Prescott, Chatellier, Fontaine & Wilkinson, LLP: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

Council President asked the City Solicitor if the Council had received her report. Ms. Alston stated that she had given the documents to the City Clerk for distribution. City Clerk stated that the documents had been mailed to the City Council. Council President Pastore stated that since not all members had received their copy, this would be postponed to next month’s meeting.

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Council Member Fogarty stated she did not recall limiting the request to Section 15.05. Ms. Alston stated that this had been relayed in previous discussions. Council Member Fogarty stated that the first report given to the Council was a list of fees, believed that the information was to provide a detail for those fees not just 15.05 of Charter. Council President Pastore stated that the intent was to request a full accounting. Council Member Fogarty stated that she'd read we had recently hired outside counsel to analyze the police and fire contracts, and asked where that contract is shown. Ms. Alston responded that the contract had not been received yet, and pursuant to 15.05, must report to the Council within sixty (60) days. Council Member Fogarty requested that the contract be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Alston stated that the Charter provided for sixty days. Council Member Fogarty stated that the Charter requires that contracts are to be provided at the next regular meeting.

Council President asked that the City Clerk forward a copy of Mr. Prescott's letter to Mr. Baron for review and that he should advise the Council if he felt any additional language should be added.

Council President placed the letter from the Canvassing Authority dated June 30, 2003 on the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 on the record. The referendum on the School Facilities was approved 2137 to 1738.

Council President announced that there will be a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at 6 p.m. with the School Committee to discuss budgetary matters. The Administration was invited to attend and Mr. Baron was requested to attend as well. The Council should notify the City Clerk of specific agenda items they would like discussed. Councilman Fung asked that Mr. Baron present the School Department numbers at the special Council meeting, specifically the total amount of their deficit, and stated that he would like to have the information prior to the meeting.

Councilwoman McFarland stated that the undocketed Resolution does not have the years and would like the exact amounts on a yearly as well as hospitalization and risk figures. Council President Pastore stated that what is really wanted is the whole recovery plan combining the two years of deficits. Mr. Baron stated that for the School Hospitalization Fund, he has schedules that will be distributed to the Council. He stated that several of the School Department funds had no purpose other than to hide deficits. These funds were merely line items that have been abused, and are being closed out. Discussion ensued with Councilwoman McFarland and Mr. Baron on the JPTA Fund. Mr. Baron stated that the practice of the General Fund advancing money to all funds had stopped. Capital accounts are now opening own checking accounts. Councilwoman McFarland questioned how far this went back. Mr. Baron stated that it was found by testing balance of funds. The money will never be paid back because the funds don't exist.

Council President Pastore referred the new elementary school building not being completed and the School Department coming to the Council for funds to be paid out of CDBG grant funds. He suggested to Mr. Baron that the Administration should do an audit trail through Resolutions and Ordinances. Mr. Baron responded that the bottom line is, the money is not there.

Council President Pastore asked if everyone had received the Auditor General's letter dated July 21, 2003 and how to address the \$2.9 million in proceeds and how to close out the deficit. This was what he had approved based on the July 16, 2003 letter from School Superintendent Catherine Ciarlo. Council President asked that the City Clerk forward copies to the Council.

With regard to the upcoming meeting with the School Committee on July 30, 2003, Council President Pastore asked that Mr. Baron be available, and stated that the financial numbers at this time are rough figures.

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Council President also mentioned that Administration should be preparing Ordinances on inter-department transfers above original allocations and that this should be done prior to the next meeting. Reconciliation Ordinance should be approved by the Council. He also stated that Mr. Baron should start working on those Ordinances for next month.

Councilman Fung addressed the school side deficit. Mr. Baron stated that he did not have access to those figure but have heard \$900,000 deficit above the school hospitalization for FY 2002/2003.

Council President Pastore stated there had been no responses to the request for proposal for outside firms. No choice now but to hire someone. He advised the Auditor General, who recommended changing course. That it was prudent to hire someone to work only for the City Council not the Finance Director. The Audit Committee should start the interviewing process.

Councilman Ferolito stated that the question that arose was the allocation of \$45,000. Council President stated that we will need substantially more. Rather than raise ceiling, we should wait for Audit Committee to interview, and find out what the market dictates and the Council can take action as was done for Mr. Baron. This person will be a Council employee not an employee of the Finance Department. The person will not be working for Mr. Baron.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Questions were asked to the Administration regarding Committee for Grant Writer. Ms. Schutt stated that she did not have any information on that but would get back to the Council on this issue.

Councilman McDonough asked that the Administration consider doing a security analysis in light of the tragedy in New York.

Council Member Fogarty asked if the City has applied for reimbursement for underground storage cleaning, which she believes was recommended by Nancy Davis. Ms. Alston stated that based on CFRB recommendation, City would request foregoing the fine and that City could go forward to offset fine. At this point, don't need reimbursement. She did speak with Nancy Davis with regard to application for reimbursement. Discussion ensued as to reimbursement. Ms. Alston stated she would contact Attorney Davis to see if we should seek reimburse. She questioned if that would be the best use of time.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Steven Moretti, Esq., appeared to speak in favor of Ordinances 4-03-18 and 4-03-19. He requested that testimony at Ordinance Committee and Planning Commission be incorporated. Both of these Committees gave favorable recommendations. He stated that they had no objections to conditions placed at the Ordinance Committee. Council President stated that the testimony presented before those bodies would be made part of the City Council record. Unidentified woman speaker appeared to speak and asked that the project should be done so that it is fair to everyone.

Ben Nascenzi, Building Inspector appeared as private citizen, to speak on behalf of 6-03-9 on Permit Fee Schedule.

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VII. UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

No Business.

VIII. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLUTION AMENDING LOAN ORDER NO. 2001-69”.

Councilwoman O’Hara expressed her concern that the figures don’t add up. Council President stated that it would remain on the table and discussed at the upcoming meeting with the School Committee. This would require a Resolution from the School Committee.

“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ‘BRINGING AMERICA HOME ACT”.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilwoman O’Hara it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under discussion

Councilman Fung stated that this is an all encompassing act, some of which is unfounded, and is concerned as to the City Council taking a position on recommending passage without all of the information. Councilman Jackvony stated that he also shared the same concerns. He attempted to research the Act but was unable to obtain the full Act, and does not feel he has enough information to vote for recommendation of passage. Council President asked that the Motion to Approve be removed in light of some of the member’s concerns. Councilwoman McFarland removed her motion to approve.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded on Councilwoman O’Hara, it was voted to remove this Resolution from the Docket. Motion passed unanimously.

“RESOLUTION CREATING THE CONTRACTORS’ QUALIFICATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE”.

Councilwoman McFarland stated that there was agreement to form this Committee. Council President Pastore stated that the Mayor’s appointment was Larry Brillon of Eagle Cornice.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion

Councilman Fung expressed his concern with the second paragraph, limited the scope of review of the Committee and suggested an amendment of “language”. He also stated that he didn’t recall placing limitations that the minority member be a Cranston resident.

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Jackvony it was voted to Amend paragraph two to delete the word “current” and “Language” and delete “firmly incorporated”. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. . The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

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On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to remove Cranston resident requirement.

Under Discussion

Discussion took place on the issue that intended appointee was in fact a Cranston resident. Councilwoman Fogarty stated the issue would then been moot. Councilman Fung removed his Motion to Amend, and Councilman Jackvony removed his second.

On motion by Councilman Jackvony, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, it was voted to amend paragraph four to add the following: **“that is also a member of the School Buildings Committee as appointed by the Chairperson of the School Committee”** following School Committee, and to add **“chosen by the Council president”** following minority resident of the City and following Contractor established within the City, and further adding **“if any,”** following Responsible Contractor’s Ordinance.

Under discussion

Councilman McDonough stated that he would not vote in favor of this amendment. Councilman Jackvony stated that he is willing to reinstate City resident requirement. Councilman Jackvony revised his motion to reinstate City in 4th paragraph. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Fung -1.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to approve main motion as amended. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Fung -1.

Council President Pastore appointed Councilwoman McFarland as a majority appointment and as Chair, Council member Fogarty as a majority appointment, and Councilman Fung as the minority appointment.

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IX. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE

4-03-10 “ORDINANCE NAMING THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WESTERN CRANSTON ‘ORCHARD FARMS ELEMENTARY.’”

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Fung, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

4-03-18 “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF 1992 (INDEPENDENCE WAY/PLAINFIELD PIKE).” (As amended in Committee).

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Fung, the above Ordinance was adopted as amended on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

4-03-19 “ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2970, ENTITLED ‘ZONING’ (INDEPENDENCE WAY/PLAINFIELD PIKE). (As amended in Committee).

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Fung, the above Ordinance was adopted as amended on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

5-03-10 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’. (City Hall Parking). (Referred without recommendation).

On motion by Councilman Ferolito, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to approve this Ordinance.

Under Discussion

Council member Fogarty stated that she had not received the labor costs. Ms. Schutt stated that based on the number of spaces, costs would be approximately \$370 based on straight time. Councilwoman McFarland inquired as to enforcement of no parking in front of building. She had been informed it was being enforced during tax time and questioned if there was selective enforcement. Ms. Alston stated that there was an Court order. Councilwoman McFarland stated that more spaces should be allocated to the students. Ms. Schutt explained the space allocation. Councilman Lanni also expressed his concern on adequacy of student spaces. Ms. Schutt explained that the City does have buses for students, but they chose to drive. Councilman McDonough asked if the Police Chief would be issuing permits. Colonel Chalek stated that it is his understanding that the entities will issue the permits, the Police Department will be responsible only for enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding parking spaces for the Council members. Council President stated he believed a certain number should be set aside for the Council. Councilwoman O’Hara stated that it made more sense to issue permits for the Council.

Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito and Council President Pastore –7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lanni and McDonough –2.

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6-03-1 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘ADMINISTRATION’.”

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

6-03-9 “ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘BUILDING CODE.’ (Permit Fees Schedule).”

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

6-03-10 “ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘LICENSES GENERALLY.’ (Drainlayers License).”

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman McDonough, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR (Real Estate Abatements)”.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –7. Councilman Fung abstained. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for roll call vote.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOMESTEAD ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR”.

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman McDonough, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –7. Councilman Fung abstained. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for roll call vote.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE SUPPLEMENTAL ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR”.

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –7. Councilman Fung abstained. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for roll call vote.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER LIST”.

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, the above Interest Waiver List was approved on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –7. Councilman Fung abstained. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for roll call vote.

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X. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to reappoint **ROBERT STRAVATO** as a member of the **CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –8. Councilwoman McFarland was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to reappoint **EDWARD T. COSTA** as a member of the **CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman McDonough, it was voted to appoint Attorney **CHRISTOPHER T. DELSESTO, JR.** as a member of the **PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD**. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

Councilman Fung inquired as to whether a second slot was being filled this evening. Council President stated it would be filled in August. Councilwoman McFarland stated that she has a name for this evening, **JOSEPH MULVEY**, member of the State Appeal Board, but does not have a resume. Councilman Fung stated he would like to submit Ms. **NICOLE J. DULUDE** but does not have her resume at this time. Council President Pastore stated she can be an Alternate which would become a permanent position if there is a third vacancy on the Board. Councilman McDonough stated he also had a candidate but no resume. Councilman Lanni stated that we should wait until August when we can have resumes to review. Council President Pastore stated elections can be made at the Special Council meeting for August 4, 2003.

Council President Pastore stated there will be a Special Council meeting on Monday August 4, 2003 at 6:30 before Safety Services where appointments to the Personnel Appeals Board will be made.

Discussion ensued as to the need to have the appointments made as soon as possible. Mr. Joseph Capirchio, former CCW president, informed the Council that the Board is required to have a hearing within ten days.

Council President Pastore stated that we cannot make an appointment, as we have not received official notice that there is a third vacancy.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to appoint **CRAIG CARDULLO** as an Alternate member of the **ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW**. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore –9.

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, the following introduced Ordinances be advertised for hearing before the Ordinance Committee on THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2003 at 7 PM pursuant to Sec. 3.12 of the Charter on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -9.

- 7-03-1 Ordinance amending the Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 (School Budget Appropriations). FINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003.
- 7-03-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Administration" (Disability Exemption). ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003.
- 7-03-3 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Licenses Generally" (Fees). SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE 8/4/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003.
- 7-03-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", "No Parking On Certain Streets-Generally" by deleting Dean St., portion of. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003.
- 7-03-5 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", "Same-Between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday" by adding Cavalry St., portion of. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 8/14/2003.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

City Clerk stated that Ordinance No. 2003-37, passed by the Council on June 23, 2003, "Chapter 17 Motor Vehicles and Traffic", contained a scrivener's error. It stated 9:30 P.M., which should be 9:30 A.M. The correction was approved and noted for the record.

XIV. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Mr. Jeffrey Kelly appeared to speak regarding the \$2.9 million in supplemental tax and wanted to know if funds had been expended and what the ordinance authorized. Mr. Baron stated that no Ordinance was required. Council President Pastore disagreed and stated that Ordinances are required and suggested to Mr. Baron and Ms. Alston that they review past practices. Mr. Kelly stated that it would be a Charter violation if expended without Ordinance. Mr. Baron disagreed.

Albert Bennetti, 124 Concord Avenue, appeared to speak regarding the upcoming meeting with the School Department and its obligation to present their budget with allocated dollars. He stated that if they don't come to the City Council with adjusted budget, then there will only be back and forth. The City Council is putting in a lot of time and residents and parents need to know what to expect.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypists)