

REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-FEBRUARY 23, 2004-

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cranston was held on Monday, February 23, 2004.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 Laffey; Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Jerome Baron, Director of Finance; Mike Igoe, City Controller; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

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

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

No Business.

II. INTRODUCTION OF UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

No Business.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION GORDON P. SMITH, CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT”

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

LABORATORY OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

REPORT OF RESEARCH

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IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Pastore stated that he received the following correspondence:

- Signed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees and NAGE Local R1-97 from Donald Soucy, Chair of the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees. Council President Pastore asked that copies be distributed to the Council members.
- Annual report from the Kent County Water Authority. Council President Pastore asked that copies be distributed to the Council members.
- A resignation letter from Albert Aubin, who served on the Conservation Commission, who has moved out of the City.
- Letter from Nancy Watson, of the Constituent Affairs Office of Mayor Avedisian, relative to pending litigation in the General Assembly regarding Airport expansion.

Council President Pastore asked Mr. Igoe to give report on the financials. Mr. Igoe stated that through the end of January, 2004, we have collected \$137.2 million in revenues, which is approximately 70.3% of the Budget and \$113.2 million in expenses through the end of January, 2004. Currently, we are over-collected in our revenues of approximately 20% of the \$137.2 million in our expenditures. Snow Account still seems to be ok.

Council President Pastore questioned Mr. Grimes as to when a decision will be received from the suit regarding the School Department as to the Caruolo Act. Mr. Grimes stated that no decision has been reached yet, but it would probably be reached mid-March the latest.

Council President Pastore announced a Special Joint Council meeting with the School Department on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 6 PM. He asked that Mr. Baron and Mr. Igoe be present at this meeting. Mr. Baron stated that he has this on his agenda and would like to discuss the format with the Council President afterwards.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman McDonough asked Mr. Kirshenbaum the following: last month, there was an article in the newspaper whereby the Solicitor advise some members that they did not have to file with the Ethics Commission on the acceptance of gifts given to the City employees. He asked if the City is on the hook for any fines of this advise given. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that he is no aware of any. He believes that all gifts have been declared at this point. The threshold was not reached for the reporting of these gifts. Mr. Grimes stated that there were some reports made by some members of the Administration to the Ethics Commission. The threshold is receipt of \$100.00 of gifts in aggregate over a calendar year.

Councilman Jackvony stated that he is proposing that Mr. Woerner investigate use of the Rainy Day Fund in 2001 and 2002 and make some recommendations to the Council so this does not happen again. Mr. Woerner stated that the Auditor General did some work on this in the past and most of the information can be obtained from the Audit reports and by going into the City's General ledger. He could bring his findings back to the Council either formal or informal. Councilman Fung stated that we need an independent person to do this type of investigation because Mr. Woerner was part of the O'Leary Administration. If we are referring to this as an investigation, there should be an independent person doing it. Mr. Woerner stated that there seems to be some confusion because former Mayor Traficante referred to this as a Rainy Day Fund, there was never an actual separate fund, it was just a surplus in the General Fund. He stated that it is unnecessary to spend money on an outside source.

Councilman Ferolito stated that he agrees with Councilman Jackvony, but he also agrees with Councilman Fung, that since Mr. Igoe is part of the whole piece of the puzzle and he also was part of the O'Leary Administration. Councilman Jackvony stated that the intent of his request is not to investigate specific action or specific people, it is to have recommendations brought back to the Council so this does not happen again. Council President Pastore stated that this matter should be routed to the Audit Committee and then referred back to the City Council. Councilman Fung stated that he did not mean to imply that Mr. Woerner had done anything wrong, but that you should not use someone who's a potential witness make the findings to the Audit Committee. Councilman Lanni stated that this has been looked at to death and we do not have to spend more money.

On motion by Councilman Jackvony, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to direct Mr. Woerner to find out where the money went from the Rainy Day Fund and direct him to investigate where these funds went and to make some recommendations to the Council so this does not happen again. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -8. Councilman Fung abstained.

Councilwoman O'Hara stated that the Finance Committee conducted an Advise and Consent hearing for the position of the Personnel Director and the Towers and Perrin Consolidation Report was brought up. She stated that this would be a good time to consider this report, since the Personnel Director for the School Department may be retiring at the end of the year. She stated that the past Administration sat on this report for four years and did nothing and there were plenty of opportunities to do something. Mr. Grimes stated that this Administration is aware of this report. Recommendations while they do have some merit, there is no money to it and the Administration will be happy to look at it and meet with the School Department Administration to see if it is possible to consolidate these two departments. Councilwoman O'Hara asked if this could be done any time soon. Mr. Grimes stated that they could probably do this in the Spring. Councilwoman O'Hara suggested that an initial inquiry be done now. Mr. Grimes stated that he will do that.

Councilwoman McFarland stated that at the last Performance Audit Committee meeting, she asked that the consultant appear before the Committee to make a presentation. She asked if there is a signed contract with the consultant. Mr. Grimes stated that there is a signed copy and it could be given to the City Clerk to distribute to the Council. Councilwoman McFarland stated that the Council has not had an oral presentation and this does not meet the scope of the work. They are not fulfilling their contract per the scope. She questioned if the consultant have received payment from the City, since there has not been any presentation made. She asked that a letter be sent to the firm asking them to appear before the Council to make this presentation. Council President Pastore asked Mr. Grimes if the consultant would appear before the Council to make a presentation. Mr. Grimes stated that they have indicated that they will make themselves available and there may be expenses associated with that. Council President Pastore asked that Mr. Grimes should work out a number with the consultant asking how much they are asking for and the money will be found somewhere, just like money was found for legal fees. Council President Pastore stated that when the Administration makes their recommendations of the items they would like implemented, the Council should be advised prior to the Budget address. He asked when will there be an update available of when the Administration plans on implementing the proposals. Mr. Grimes stated that the recommendations from the Executive Task Force would be available mid to late March and shortly thereafter there will be an opportunity for the firm to come and make a presentation. Council President Pastore requested that it not be March 31, 2004. Council Member Fogarty stated that if the Council members could filter questions that may have developed from the last meeting to her as Chair of the Performance Audit Committee she will forward them to Mr. Grimes, this would be very valuable. There will be more meetings of the Performance Audit Committee scheduled.

Councilwoman McFarland spoke regarding the Arbitrator's ruling on the Police Pension. She stated that the Mayor has indicated that he will go back to Superior Court to appeal. She asked where will we be allocating the money for this. Before we spend any more money of the taxpayers' dollars, where will we be going from here? Council President Pastore stated to Mr. Grimes that this is an opportune time to call an Executive Session to discuss this particular strategy. Council President Pastore stated that the actuarial studies had assumed no COLA payments, if lost all the way through, he asked what effect would it have on the Budget and there is a Budgetary effect that the Council needs to be advised of and this would be topic for another meeting. Mr. Baron stated that he has tried to contact the actuarial firm. Council President Pastore stated that in Executive Session, what should also be discussed are the items of what effect will it have on future budgets going forward if we lose this arbitration.

Councilwoman McFarland stated that at the appropriate section on the Agenda, she will make a motion to appoint a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board. She also stated that James Pickering, who is also a member of this Board, has no term expiration and she has spoken to Colonel Chalek and this person has not attended any meetings. There are two Alternate positions on this Board that are vacant and three positions that need to be re-appointed or vacant. Council President Pastore asked that the Council members be provided with an updated report on the Boards and Commissions.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Aram Garabedian, 173 Belvedere Dr., appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-6 and stated that in his opinion, the Council cannot delegate responsibilities to the Mayor. He asked the Council not to approve this Ordinance because it would be in violation of Section 3.16 of the Charter. He also spoke regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-2 and stated that this Council needs to find out if there is money in the budget to cover impending legal cases and if there is not, the Council needs to investigate pursuing whether you are pursuing a frivolous case, before it appropriates any more money.

Paul Valletta, President of Local 1363 Firefighters Union, appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-3 and stated that issues raised by the Council at the December hearing, he does not believe these issues were addressed in this Ordinance. This Ordinance will do nothing to improve the diversity on the Cranston Fire Department. A recommendation he made was to drop the EMTC Certification on the Fire Department. Deputy Chief McGovern, who served on the Mayor's Diversity Commission, made recommendations and he asked Councilman Fung why Chief McGovern's recommendations were not taken. Councilman Fung stated that what the Committee heard was the financial barrier for taking this course and the Committee saw this as an opportunity to use as a tool to open up the door for any minorities or person to get on the Fire Department. We have tried to make this race neutral and reach out to a broader race of candidates. He suggested that a sunset clause could be added to the Ordinance. Mr. Valletta stated that if 15 people get on the Fire Department, 10 black males and 5 women, and they do not qualify for this revolving loan, this Ordinance does nothing to the diversity. Councilman Fung asked Mr. Valletta what his suggestion would be to improve diversity. Mr. Valletta stated that he suggests what was done in the 1990's as far as eliminating the cardiac training. Councilman Lanni asked Mr. Valletta why there were no minorities hired in the 1990's. Mr. Valletta stated that he has no idea why.

Darrell Brown, Director of Economic Development and member of the Mayor's Diversity Advisory Commission, appeared to speak and stated that what the Mayor is trying to do is widen and deepen the pool of applicants. This Ordinance will not only reach out and gather women and minorities, but also disadvantaged white males and females. In no way was the Commission trying to lower standards. Council President Pastore stated that the Policies and Procedures Manual has to be drafted and incorporated in this Ordinance and approved by the Council before this Ordinance can become effective.

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John DeGenova, Vice-President of Local 1363 Firefighters Union, appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-3. He asked why the income is a criteria and why not open it to all. He also spoke regarding proposed Ordinances 1-04-4 and 1-04-5 and questioned what the analysis will be used for. He spoke regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-2 and stated that he hopes that Council Member Fogarty has been receiving constant updates on this.

Ken Rouleau, 66 Nelson Rd., Cranston Firefighter, appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-3 and stated that the reason no women were hired for the Fire Department last time was due to the physical test, which was too stringent at the time.

Jim Davies, 19 Quail Ridge Rd., appeared to speak regarding proposed Ordinance 1-04-3 and stated that adding a sunset clause is worth looking into.

VII. UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

No Business.

VIII. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS**“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE ENABLING LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC SAFETY
RED LIGHT MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS”.**

Colonel Chalek appeared to speak in favor of this Resolution.

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, the above Resolution 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.

RESOLUTION**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC SAFETY RED LIGHT MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS**

No. 2004-4

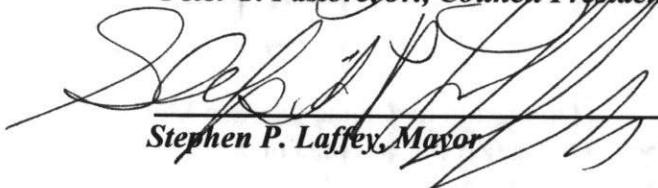
Passed:

February 23, 2004

Approved:

March 4, 2004


 Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President


 Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Cranston recognizes the essential function of public safety in communities;

AND WHEREAS, the University of Rhode Island Transportation Center (URITC) completed a statewide study of red-light running, with the following key findings published in June 2003:

- (a) Cranston was a community designated as having a signalized intersection with one of the highest volumes of traffic (Park & Reservoir) in the State of Rhode Island
- (b) Cranston was identified as having a signalized intersection with one of the highest numbers of red-light running violations of those studied (Park & Reservoir) in the State of Rhode Island
- (c) Cranston was identified as having a signalized intersection with the second highest violation rate (violations per hour) of all those surveyed (Park & Reservoir) in the State of Rhode Island
- (d) Cranston was identified as having a signalized intersection with among the highest levels of accidents and injuries (Park & Reservoir) in the State of Rhode Island

AND WHEREAS, several traffic intersections are not easily enforced via conventional methods, including high visibility law enforcement initiatives;

AND WHEREAS, red light cameras help reduce the need or potential for high- or low-speed pursuits;

AND WHEREAS, according to a review of international red light enforcement systems by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), red light enforcement cameras have proven to reduce the amount of red-light running violations by 40-50%, and reduce the number of injury crashes by 25-30%;

AND WHEREAS, combined with a comprehensive public and traffic safety program, red light enforcement cameras serve as a significant public safety initiative by helping to change driver behavior;

AND WHEREAS, reductions in the number of intersection accidents improves the public safety of the community, helps save money and resources of the community and the accident victims, and enhances the overall quality of life,

AND WHEREAS, a national survey by the IIHS indicates that more than 75% of drivers support red light camera enforcement, and that 15 States currently utilize this technology;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cranston encourages the State legislature to enact legislation that permits cities and towns to implement red-light camera enforcement systems on its roadways and to further permit the State of Rhode Island to implement red-light camera enforcement systems on state highways as part of an overall comprehensive public safety program, and that cities and towns' liability for said systems be limited to associated equipment and software required to operate them.

Sponsored by Council Members Fung, O'Hara and Council President Pastore

H/Resolutions/Traffic Safety Signal Monitoring Systems

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**IX. REPORT OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE**

**1-04-1 “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004
(SCHOOL AID).”**

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.

**1-04-2 “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30,
2004” (LAW DEPT./STATE REVENUES).”**

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.

**1-04-3 “ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY
OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED ‘FIRE DEPARTMENT’
(ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR EMTC
TRAINING).”**

Councilwoman McFarland stated the following concerns:

- By using 100% poverty level as established by Social Security Administration, this is way too low. She stated that she had suggested using 80% median household income.
- Ordinance requests proof of W-2 – we should ask for tax returns.
- Who is paying for the credit history? Do we currently have a credit company that we are currently utilizing?

She stated that she addressed these issues at the last meeting and if they are going to be addressed in the Policy and Procedures Handbook, that is fine. Council President Pastore stated that he spoke to Mr. Grimes and they have agreed to set a sunset clause of 12/31/2005 and per the Solicitor, it would not need to be re-advertised. Councilman McDonough stated that by setting a sunset clause, we are restricting this to one section of the population.

Council Member Fogarty asked Mr. Kirshenbaum why this Ordinance would not need to be re-advertised if a sunset clause is added. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that this would not be material enough to need to be re-advertised.

Councilman Jackvony stated that at the Ordinance Committee meeting, he had asked that the following be provided for this meeting: how many minorities have applied for the Fire Department in the last couple of years. Mr. Grimes stated that he does not have this information. We still have the recruitment ongoing.

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to add a sunset clause to December 31, 2005. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O'Hara, McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, and Council President Pastore -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Member Fogarty and Councilman McDonough -2.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Fung, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwomen O'Hara, McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -8. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Member Fogarty -1.

1-04-4 "ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED 'POLICE DEPARTMENT' (PENSION AMENDMENTS REQUIRING ACTUARIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS)."

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, and Council President Pastore -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwomen O'Hara, McFarland and Councilman McDonough -3.

1-04-5 "ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED 'FIRE DEPARTMENT' (PENSION AMENDMENTS REQUIRING ACTUARIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS)."

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, and Council President Pastore -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwomen O'Hara, McFarland and Councilman McDonough -3.

1-04-6 "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED 'ADMINISTRATION' (PROCEDURES FOR SALE, LEASE, CONVEYANCE OR CHANGE IN USE OF EXISTING CITY PROPERTY)."

Council President Pastore asked Mr. Kirshenbaum and Mr. Quinlan to respond to the statement made by Mr. Garabedian earlier. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that the primary use of the building deals with the nature of the character of what goes on inside the building. He and Mr. Quinlan both agree that this Ordinance does not violate Section 3.16 of the Charter.

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.

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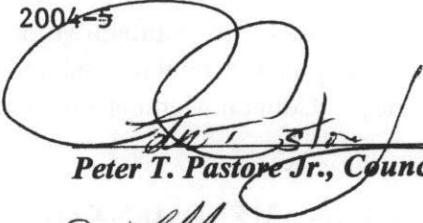
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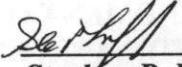
AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 (School Aid)

No. 2004-5

Passed:
February 23, 2004

Approved:
March 4, 2004


 Peter T. Pastore Jr., Council President


 Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$1,032,253 is hereby appropriated as an addition to the appropriation made by Ordinance No. 03-19, as adopted May 14, 2003. Appropriation Schedule: School System

The \$1,032,253 is divided as follows:

School State of RI-School Aid	\$1,032,253
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SECTION 2. Regarding the expense budget, the budget Resolution 03-41 Adopted May 14, 2003 as previously amended by ordinance 03-54 is hereby amended by deleting the therefrom the following:

(School System School Maintenance	\$104,686,032)
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And by substituting the following:

<u>School System</u>	
School Maintenance	\$105,718,285
Total	<u>\$105,718,285</u>

SECTION 3. Regarding the revenue budget, the budget Ordinance 03-19 Adopted May 14, 2003 as previously amended by Ordinance 03-54 is hereby amended by deleting the therefrom the following:

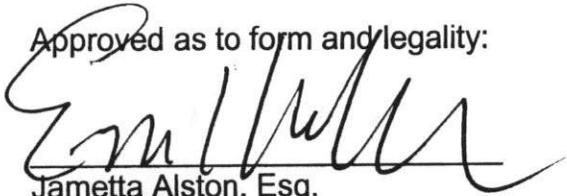
(Summary of Revenues State of RI -School Aid	\$31,875,741)
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And by substituting the following:

<u>(Summary of Revenues</u>	
Other School Revenue	\$32,907,994
Total	<u>\$36,279,559)</u>

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

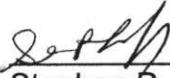
Approved as to form and legality:



Jametta Alston, Esq.
City Solicitor

2/23/04
Date

I recommend adoption of the foregoing Ordinance
Pursuant to Section 6.17 of the City Charter

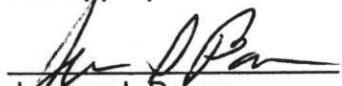


Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

3/4/2004
Date

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be available to fund this appropriation.



Jerome I. Baron,
Director of Finance

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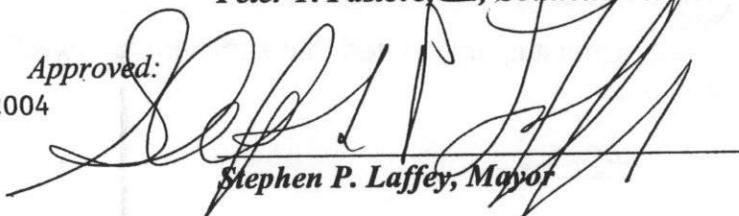
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 (Law Dept./State
Revenues)

Passed:
 February 23, 2004

No. 2004-6


 Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:
 March 4, 2004


 Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

Section 1. The operating budget for the Department of Law as adopted on May 14, 2003 and subsequently amended December 15, 2003 and January 26, 2004 entitled "Appropriation Schedule" is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the following:

(Outside Labor Relations _____ \$282,500.00)

(Total Department of Law _____ \$519,436.00)

And by substituting the following:

Outside Labor Relations _____ \$340,500.00

Total Department of Law _____ \$577,436.00

Section 2. The sum of \$58,000 is hereby appropriated as an addition to the appropriation made by Ordinance No. 03-19, as adopted May 14, 2003 Appropriation Schedule.

The \$58,000 is divided as follows:

General Revenue Sharing _____ \$58,000.00

Total _____ \$58,000.00

Section 3. Concerning the \$162,000 of new budgeted revenues, the budget Resolution 03-41 Adopted May 14, 2003 and subsequently amended December 15, 2003 and January 26, 2004, is hereby amended by deleting the therefrom the following:

(State Revenue Sharing _____ \$3,190,849.00)

(Total Revenues _____ \$195,161,778.00)

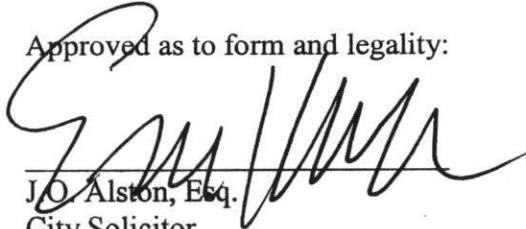
And by substituting the following:

State Revenue Sharing _____ \$3,248,849.00

Total Revenues _____ \$195,219,778.00

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

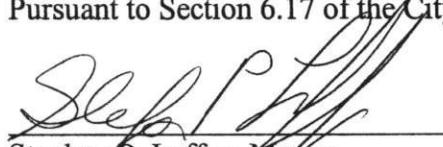
Approved as to form and legality:



J.O. Alston, Esq.
City Solicitor

2/23/04
Date

I recommend adoption of the foregoing Ordinance
Pursuant to Section 6.17 of the City Charter

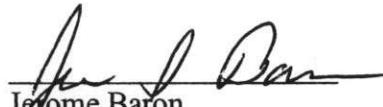


Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

3/4/2004
Date

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that no supplemental appropriations will be needed to fund this budget amendment.



Jerome Baron
Financial Director

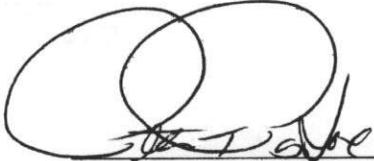
THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT"
(Establishing a Revolving Loan Fund for EMTC Training)**

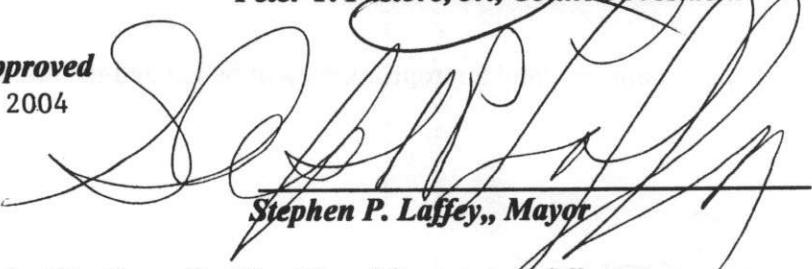
*As Amended Ordinance Committee 2/12/2004

** As Amended City Council 2/23/2004
No. 2004-7**Passed**

February 23, 2004


Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President**Approved**

March 4, 2004


Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:***SECTION 1:** Chapter 10, Section 2.1 entitled "Qualifications" is hereby amended by adding the following:That a revolving loan fund to defer costs of the Emergency Medical Training Certification required of all people wishing to apply for a position of a Cranston Firefighter be established in the amount of \$20,000, effective January 1, 2004.That the following are considered as qualifications for eligibility for receiving a loan:

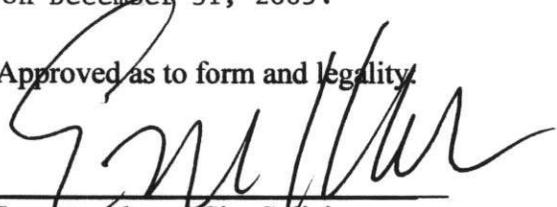
- a) Applicant must have passed the written examination, ability test, and be among the top fifty (50) candidates on the City's eligibility list for firefighter recruits.
- b) Applicants' total household income must be 100% of the poverty level as established by the Social Security Administrations for households of equal size.
- c) Applicant must document number of dependents and monthly personal income.
Acceptable proof includes:
 - a. copies of most recent two pay stubs;
 - b. or W-2 forms for most recent tax year;
 - c. or proof of unemployment qualification
- d) Applications are subject to a credit history check administered by the Department of Finance.

That interest costs will not be applicable; however, all loans must be repaid within one calendar year in four quarterly installments regardless of future employment as a Cranston Firefighter.That an administrative fee of \$50.00 will be applied to each loan. The fee will be waived for applicants who are hired by the Cranston Fire Department.That loans will be administered through the Department of Finance, and loan recipients must obtain certification through approved training organizations as outlined by the Cranston Fire Department.

That the Department of Finance will submit to the City Council by October 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, a report on the status of the revolving loan account, to include aggregate number of loans issued, amount in the account, and status of any loans in default. Loans that are in default will be handled as a collection issue in accordance with *policy and procedures *manual prepared by the Administration set forth through the Department of Finance *and approved by the City Council.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption, ^{**} and shall sunset on December 31, 2005.

Approved as to form and legality:

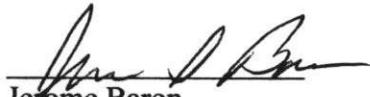


Jametta Alston, City Solicitor

2/23/04
Date

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that no supplemental appropriations will be needed to fund this budget amendment.


Jerome Baron
Financial Director

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970 ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT (Pension Amendments Requiring Actuarial Impact Analysis)

*As amended Ordinance Committee 2/12/2004

No. 2004-8

Passed: February 23, 2004

Approved March 4, 2004

[Signature of Peter Pastore]
Peter Pastore, Council President

[Signature of Stephen P. Laffey]
Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 25 of Chapter 24 is hereby amended by adding the following:

"Actuarial Impact Analysis requirement"

That any change, by ordinance, in the benefits to retired or active police officers *as a group that may affect their pension benefits from the City's pension fund, including, but not limited to, cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), longevity payments, time-in-service bonuses, etc., must be accompanied by an actuarial impact analysis by the City's official actuarial consultant prior to adoption of said ordinance.

This ordinance shall apply only to those benefits that are paid to active or retired members *as a group participating in the City's pension fund, *and not apply to changes to individual members.

The actuarial impact analysis shall be attached to said ordinance for consideration during the public hearing process.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

2/23/04
Date

[Signature of Jametta O. Alston]

Jametta O. Alston
City Solicitor

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that no supplemental appropriations will be needed to fund this budget amendment.

[Signature of Jerome Baron]
Jerome Baron
Financial Director

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970 ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT (Pension Amendments Requiring Actuarial Impact Analysis)

*As Amended Ordinance Committee 2/12/2004

No. 2004-9

Passed: February 23, 2004

Approved March 4, 2004

[Signature of Peter Pastore]
Peter Pastore, Council President

[Signature of Stephen P. Laffey]
Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 10, Article II, entitled Firemen's Pension Fund is hereby amended by adding the following new section as 10-11.1:

"Actuarial Impact Analysis Requirement"

That any change, by ordinance, in the benefits to retired or active firefighters *as a group that may affect their pension benefits from the City's pension fund, including, but not limited to, cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), longevity payments, time-in-service bonuses, etc., must be accompanied by an actuarial impact analysis by the City's official actuarial consultant prior to adoption of said ordinance.

This ordinance shall apply only to those benefits that are paid to active or retired members *as a group participating in the City's pension fund, *and not apply to changes to individual members.

The actuarial impact analysis shall be attached to said ordinance for consideration during the public hearing process.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

2/23/04
Date

[Signature of Jametta O. Alston]
Jametta O. Alston
City Solicitor

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that no supplemental appropriations will be needed to fund this budget amendment.

[Signature of Jerome Baron]
Jerome Baron
Financial Director

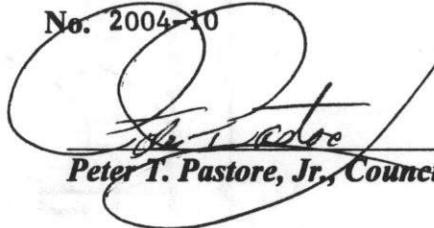
THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION"**

**(PROCEDURES FOR SALE, LEASE, CONVEYANCE OR CHANGE IN USE OF
CITY PROPERTY).**

Passed:
February 23, 2004

No. 2004-10



Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:
EFFECTIVE PURSUANT TO SEC. 3.14 OF THE CITY CHARTER
MARCH 5, 2004

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-6 (Rules for Operation of City Buildings) of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph thereto:

The primary use of public buildings and facilities of the City of Cranston shall only be changed as the Council, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, shall prescribe from time to time by Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Section 29.4 (Sale of Real Estate) of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, is hereby amended by deleting the title

[Sale of Real Estate] and substituting Disposition of Real Estate

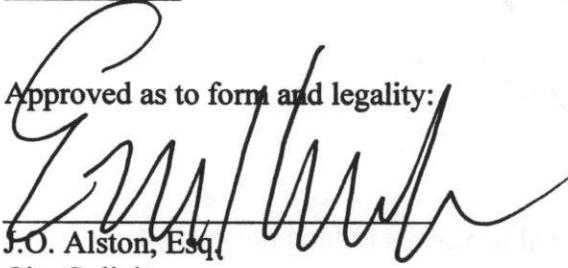
and is further amended by adding the following:

(e) No real estate or building belonging to the City of Cranston shall be sold, conveyed or leased without the prior approval of the City Council, as granted from time to time by Ordinance.

(f) Upon the sale of any such real estate or building, the proceeds of such sale shall be placed in a restricted account for future capital expenditures or shall be used to pay down bonded indebtedness.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:


J.O. Alston, Esq.
City Solicitor

2/23/04
Date

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

“ADVISE AND CONSENT OF SUSAN BELLO, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL”

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, it was voted to approve the above Advise and Consent.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Fung stated that he asked the Solicitor to obtain an opinion from the Ethics Commission to see if he could vote on this issue due to the fact that he and Ms. Bello were both employed by the Attorney General’s Office, but never worked together on any case. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated that he spoke to Kathy Darezzo, Prosecutor for the Ethics Commission, and she related to him that this is not a prohibitive conflict in the Ethics Code and Councilman Fung is not barred from voting on this.

Councilman McDonough stated that it might be a little presumptuous on voting on this, since Mr. Grimes stated earlier that he would be willing to explore new ideas with regards to the Consolidation Report of consolidating School Department and City Personnel Department.

Councilwoman McFarland stated that before we go out and advertise to fill a position, we should explore consolidation while the position is vacant and gave as an example, the Highway Superintendent and Building Maintenance Superintendent positions vacant and they are already advertised.

Councilman Lanni stated that he would like to see some movement on the Administration’s part to consolidate the Building Maintenance Superintendent position.

Council Member Fogarty stated that since the School Department has already advertised for the position of Personnel Director, she stated to Mr. Grimes that this is a golden opportunity to join forces in working with the School Department to try to consolidate that position with the City’s Personnel Director’s position.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR (REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS).”

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -7. Councilwoman McFarland abstained.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to table the above Advise and Consent. Motion failed on a vote of 2-7. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen McDonough and Lanni -2. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O’Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilman Ferolito and Council President Pastore -7.

Roll call was taken on main motion to approve the above Advise and Consent and 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 McDonough and Lanni -2.

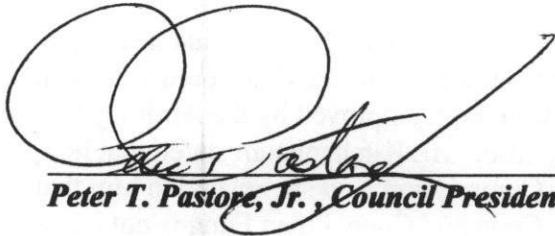
THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY
CITY ASSESSOR**

No 2004-5

Passed:
February 23, 2004

Approved:
February 23, 2004



Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Resolved, That

The request of the City Assessor for the following abatements for manifest errors and reasons therein stated be granted and that a certified copy of this Resolution be for the respective amounts a sufficient voucher for the City Treasurer.

(See attached list of Abatements)

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENTS – RECOMMENDED BY CITY ASSESSOR (MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS).”

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Resolution 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.

“TAX INTEREST WAIVER LIST”.

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to approve this list 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.

“TAX INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR AFS PROPERTIES, LLC., ONE PROGRESS WAY, WILMINGTON, MA, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT AMFLEX DR.”

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, it was voted to approve the above Tax Incentive Application 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.

“TAX INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR TIFFANY & CO., 727 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NY, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 40 KENNEY DR.”

On motion by Councilwoman O’Hara, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, it was voted to approve the above Tax Incentive Application 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.

X. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman McDonough, it was voted to appoint RAYMOND COIA, as a member of the Juvenile Hearing 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.

XI. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

No Business.

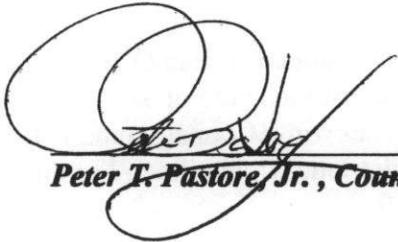
FEBRUARY 23, 2004

THE CITY OF CRANSTON
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED
BY CITY ASSESSOR

No. 2004-6

Passed:
February 23, 2004

Approved:
February 23, 2004



Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Resolved, That

The request of the City Assessor for the following abatements for manifest errors and reasons therein stated be granted and that a certified copy of this Resolution be for the respective amounts a sufficient voucher for the City Treasurer.

(See attached list of Abatements)

City of Cranston
Application Requesting
TAX INCENTIVE FOR COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTY

1. Name & Address of Applicant: AFS Properties, LLC
One Progress Way Wilmington, MA 01887
2. Location of Property: Am Flex Drive Phone#: _____
3. Assessor's Plat and Lot: Plat 36/4 lots 108 and Portion 109
4. Name and Address of Occupant of the Proposed Construction (if different from the applicant):
American Florist Supply, Inc. One Progress Way Wilmington, MA 01887
5. Estimated Cost of New Construction: \$ 1,635,715 (Attach pertinent documentation supporting estimate)
6. Describe Proposed New Facility: # of stories 1 # of sq.ft./floor 26,000
 Type of Construction: Pre Engineered Steel
 Proposed Use of Facility: Wholesale Floral Distribution
7. Estimated Cost of Renovation/Expansion: _____
 (Attach pertinent documentation supporting estimate)
8. Are Alterations/construction permitted under present zoning? Yes No
9. Current Number of Employees: 0
10. Future Anticipated amount of employees: 35-40
11. Are taxes on the property current? Taxes will be fully paid at time of closing
It is the understanding of the applicant(s) that the incentive, if approved, is applicable only for Dec 2002 property constructed in commercially zoned sites, where the new construction or remodeling of existing facilities; that meet the approval of the building inspector, tax assessor, city planner or their designees, and the City Council; that all current and past taxes due by the applicant(s) must be paid in accordance with the rules set forth by the city ordinance; that the incentive would pertain to only that portion of the assessment attributable to the new construction or renovation of new facilities; that the incentive may be revoked in the event of fraud or misrepresentation by the applicant(s).

John T. Dahn
 Signature of Applicant

Nov. 6, 2002
 Date

Application must be submitted **before** the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Inspector, please forward your completed application to:

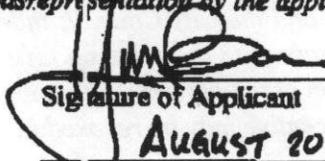
Director of Economic Development
 City of Cranston
 869 Park Avenue
 Cranston, RI 02910

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**City of Cranston
Application Requesting
TAX INCENTIVE FOR COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTY**

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1. Name & Address of Applicant: TIFFANY & Co.
727 FIFTH AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10022
2. Location of Property: 40 KENNEY DR. CRANSTON, RI 02920 Phone#: (401) 463-0146
3. Assessor's Plat and Lot: A.P. 13 / LOT 62
4. Name and Address of Occupant of the Proposed Construction (if different from the applicant):
TIFFANY & Co. 40 KENNEY DRIVE CRANSTON, RI 02920
5. Estimated Cost of New Construction: \$ NOT APPLICABLE (Attach pertinent documentation supporting estimate)
6. Describe Proposed New Facility: # of stories ONE STORY # of sq.ft./floor 75,000
Type of Construction: EXISTING STEEL & CONCRETE BLOCK CONSTRUCTION
Proposed Use of Facility: LIGHT METAL FORMING (MANUFACTURING)
7. Estimated Cost of Renovation/Expansion: \$ 3,499,720 (see attached sheet)
(Attach pertinent documentation supporting estimate)
8. Are Alterations/construction permitted under present zoning? Yes No
9. Current Number of Employees: 6
10. Future Anticipated amount of employees: 16 TO 25 PERSONS
11. Are taxes on the property current? YES.
It is the understanding of the applicant(s) that the incentive, if approved, is applicable only for property constructed in commercially zoned sites, where the new construction or remodeling of existing facilities; that meet the approval of the building inspector, tax assessor, city planner or their designees, and the City Council; that all current and past taxes due by the applicant(s) must be paid in accordance with the rules set forth by the city ordinance; that the incentive would pertain to only that portion of the assessment attributable to the new construction or renovation of new facilities; that the incentive may be revoked in the event of fraud or misrepresentation by the applicant(s).


Signature of Applicant
August 20, 2003
Date

Application must be submitted before the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Inspector, please forward your completed application to:
Director of Economic Development
City of Cranston
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

-FEBRUARY 23, 2004-**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, the following introduced Ordinances be advertised for hearing before the Ordinance Committee on THURSDAY, March 11, 2004 at 7 PM pursuant to Sec. 3.12 of the Charter. 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.

- 2-03-1 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", "Same-Near Schools When School In Session", Subsection (c), entitled "Daniel D. Waterman School" by adding Mapleton St., portion of. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 3/11/2004.
- 2-03-2 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Administration" (Prohibition on Acceptance of Gifts). ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 3/11/2004.
- 2-03-3 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", "Same-Sundays Only Between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM" by deleting Grant Ave., portion of and Lincoln Ave., portion of; "No Parking On Certain Streets-Generally" by adding Grant Ave., portion of and Lincoln Ave., portion . ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 3/11/2004.
- 2-03-4 Ordinance amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 (Law Dept./Highway/State Revenue Sharing). FINANCE COMMITTEE 3/11/2004 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 3/11/2004.

XIIA. OLD BUSINESS

- "10-03-1 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 1970, ENTITLED 'ADMINISTRATION' (APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS). TABLED JANUARY 26, 2004".**

No Action.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

No Business.

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON,
1970, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

No.

Passed:

Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 52 of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Same - Near Schools When School In Session", Subsection (c), entitled "Daniel D. Waterman School" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Mapleton Street, northerly and southerly side, from Pontiac Avenue to Tennyson Road..

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

J.O. Alston, City Solicitor

Date

Sponsored by Council Member Fogarty

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON,
1970, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION"
(Prohibition on Acceptance of Gifts)

No.

Passed:

Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2, Article XII, entitled "Employees" of the Code of the City of Cranston, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 58.1 Prohibition on acceptance of gifts.

It is the policy of the City of Cranston that public officials, whether elected or appointed, including members of Boards & Commissions and City employees must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, respect the public trust and the rights of all persons, be open, accountable and responsive, avoid the appearance of impropriety, and not use their position for private gain or advantage therefore.

It is ordained by ordinance by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

No public officials, whether elected or appointed, including members of Boards & Commissions and City employees of the City of Cranston, either directly or as the beneficiary of a gift or other thing of value given to a spouse or dependent child, shall accept or receive any gift or other thing of value, including, but not limited to, cash, forbearance or forgiveness of indebtedness from an interested person, as defined herein.

For purposes of this Ordinance "interested person," means a person or a representative of a person or business that has a direct financial interest in a decision that the person subject to this ordinance is authorized to make, or to participate in the making of, as part of his or her official duties.

The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift or other thing of value is: a campaign contribution as defined and reported by the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

J.O. Alston, City Solicitor

Date

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON,
1970, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

No.

Passed:

Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 46.2 of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Same-Sundays Only Between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM" is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the following:

(Grant Avenue, north side, from intersection of Lincoln Avenue westerly to Franklin Avenue;
Lincoln Avenue, south side, from intersection of Grant Avenue westerly to Franklin Avenue).

SECTION 2. Section 43 of Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "No Parking On Certain Street-Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Grant Avenue, north side from intersection of Lincoln Avenue westerly to Franklin Avenue;
Lincoln Avenue, south side, from intersection of Grant Avenue westerly to Franklin Avenue.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

J.O. Alston, City Solicitor

Date

Sponsored by Councilwoman McFarland and Fire Chief Robert Warren

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

No.

Passed:

Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

Section 1. The operating budget for the Department of Law as adopted on May 14, 2003 and subsequently amended December 15, 2003, January 26, 2004 and February 23, 2004 entitled "Appropriation Schedule" is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the following:

(Outside Labor Relations _____ \$340,500.00)

(Total Department of Law _____ \$577,436.00)

And by substituting the following:

Outside Labor Relations _____ \$384,500.00

Total Department of Law _____ \$621,436.00

Section 3. The sum of \$44,000 is hereby appropriated as an addition to the appropriation made by Ordinance No. 03-19, as adopted May 14, 2003 Appropriation Schedule.

The \$44,000 is divided as follows:

General Revenue Sharing _____ \$44,000.00
Total _____ \$44,000.00

Section 4. Concerning the \$44,000 of new budgeted revenues, the budget Resolution 03-41 Adopted May 14, 2003 and subsequently amended December 15, 2003, January 26, 2004 and February 23, 2004, is hereby amended by deleting the therefrom the following:

(State Revenue Sharing _____ \$3,248,849.00)
(Total Revenues _____ \$195,219,778.00)

And by substituting the following:

State Revenue Sharing _____ \$3,292,849.00
Total Revenues _____ \$195,263,778.00

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Approved as to form and legality:

J.O. Alston, Esq.
City Solicitor

Date

I recommend adoption of the foregoing Ordinance
Pursuant to Section 6.17 of the City Charter

Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

Date

Fiscal Note

I hereby certify that no supplemental appropriations will be needed to fund this budget amendment.

Jerome Baron
Financial Director

-FEBRUARY 23, 2004-

XIV. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON UNDOCKETED ITEMS

Paul McHenry, 43 Melrose St., appeared to speak and stated that the MA/RI NBTA is looking to extending their commuter railways from Boston to Southern Rhode Island and looking to add commuter stations. We have a unique location on Wellington Avenue and it is for free. This would revitalize this side of the City. Council President Pastore stated that it would be a good idea to have Darrell Brown, Director of Economic Development research this.

Tom Ricci, 75 Knight St., appeared to speak and stated that any ideas that come forward should be looked into if it brings more revenue into the City.

Richard Tomlins, 400 Farmington Ave., Representative of Citizens of Cranston of Fair and Equitable Foundation, appeared to speak and stated that he agrees with Council President Pastore's statement of the receiving of information more ongoing and incoming costs that the City is forced primarily with the labor. He also stated that he supports looking at consolidation.

Aram Garabedian, 173 Belvedere Dr., appeared to speak and referred to page 150 of the Audit Report "billing" and stated that we received \$1,141,000 in revenues and we billed \$3.3 million. Mention has been made to consolidate the Sockanosset and Oaklawn Ave. fire stations. First area the consultant states to consolidate is Garden City. This fire station has the highest number of runs and oldest population. The consultant did not go to the next step. When you look at consolidating stations, you have to go beyond this study and go to where the action is. Don't let anything political get in your way.

Paul Valletta, President of Local 1363 Firefighters Union, appeared to speak and stated that he does not believe the audit is a good tool to use. As to the consultant not going the next step, he did not even go to the fire stations. He asked the Chair of the Performance Audit Committee to set a date within the next two weeks to set a meeting and requested that the consultant appear at this meeting and if he cannot attend, the Fire Union will fly the Audit Committee and Council President down to Maryland to meet with the consultant.

Council President Pastore asked that the Audit Committee schedule a hearing date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Maria M. Wall

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio Stenotypist).

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the report of the Special Agent in Charge, New York, dated 10/15/54, and the report of the Special Agent in Charge, New York, dated 10/22/54, both captioned as above.

The information contained in the above reports is being furnished to you for your information.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

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