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REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-MARCH 24, 2014-

Regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration; Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff; Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Robert Strom, Finance Director; Anthony Moretti, City Council Internal Auditor; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

I. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMENDATION

None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(limited to docketed matters)

Lt. Vincent McAteer, Cranston Police Dept. presentation on Byrne/JAG Grants: 2012-DJ-BX-1086 & 2013-DJ-BX-0271

Lt. Vincent McAteer, Cranston Police Department, appeared to give a brief presentation.

Joanne McGunagle, Executive Director of CCAP, appeared to speak in favor of proposed "Resolution Urging the Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly to Introduce and Pass Legislation Exempting The Real and Personal Property of the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) From Taxation".

-MARCH 24, 2014-

III. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION EXEMPTING THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CCAP) FROM TAXATION.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to suspend Rule 34 B in order to vote on the above Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve the above Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Councilman Steven A. Stycos, Chair)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE AND TANGIBLE TAX ABATEMENTS

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -8. Council Majority Leader Archetto was not present for roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -8. Council Majority Leader Archetto was not present for roll call vote.

TAX INTEREST WAIVER APPROVALS

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Approvals. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -8. Council Majority Leader Archetto was not present for roll call vote.

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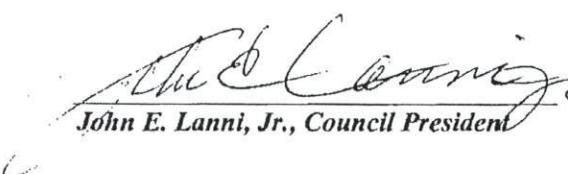
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL

**URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION EXEMPTING THE REAL AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CCAP)
FROM TAXATION**

No. 2014-7

Passed:

March 24, 2014



John E. Lanni, Jr.
John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

Resolved, that

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode under RIGL 44-3-3 currently recognizes the tax exempt status of certain entities and organizations, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Community Action Program is a private, non profit 501(c) (3) human service agency located and operating in the City of Cranston which provides assistance and services to those in need in Cranston as well as Scituate, Foster, Coventry and other communities through the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cranston City Council, does hereby urge the members of the Rhode Island General Assembly to introduce and pass legislation amending RIGL 44-3-3 exempting the real and personal property of CCAP and its successors from taxation provided they are qualified as a tax exempt corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Rhode Island General Assembly Cranston Delegation immediately upon passage.

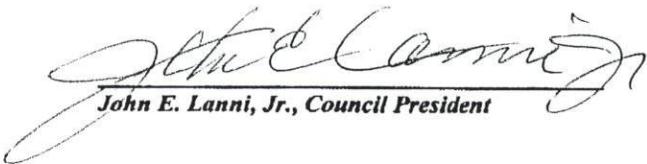
Sponsored by Council President Lanni

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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

No. 2014-10

Passed:
March 24, 2014


John E. Lanni, 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)

U/RES.RE ABATE

ALLAN FUNG
MAYOR



DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT
84 PARK AVE.
CRANSTON, RHODEIS

SALVATORE SACCOCCIO JR.
CITY ASSESSOR
DAVID COLE
DEPUTY ASSESSOR

MEMO

DATE: March 4, 2014
TO: His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council
FROM: City Assessor
RE: Real Estate and Tangible Abatements

The following assessments are recommended for abatement in the amounts and for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

Assessment Date	Value	Tax
December 31, 2012	23,501	536.77

Salvatore Saccoccio Jr.
Salvatore Saccoccio Jr.
City Assessor

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 City of Canton
 310 Adelwood Lane

1 18121201 442-0000 LOCATION 18121201
 Location of HENCKX AV 18121201
 10 BRUNCK AV 18121201
 CHARLOTTE NJ 02118 18121201

Original	Value	Tax	Original	Value	Tax
18121201	18720	419.14	18121201	18720	419.14
18121201	2241	504.78	18121201	2241	504.78
18121201	17289	387.28	18121201	17289	387.28

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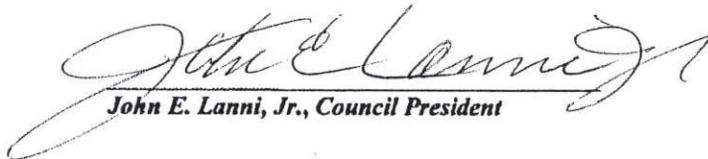
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED
BY CITY ASSESSOR

No. 2014-11

Passed:

March 24, 2014


John E. Lanni, 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)

U/RES.MV ABATE

ALLAN FUNG
MAYOR



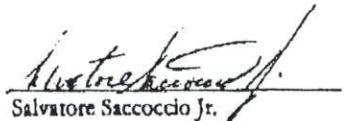
SALVATORE SACCOCCIO JR.
CITY ASSESSOR
DAVID COLE
DEPUTY ASSESSOR

MEMO

DATE: March 4, 2014
 TO: His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council
 FROM: City Assessor
 RE: Motor Vehicle Abatements

The following assessments are recommended for abatement in the amounts and for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

Assessment Date	Value	Tax
December 31, 2006	3,223	136.78
December 31, 2010	1,241	52.68
December 31, 2011	8,815	374.11
December 31, 2012	24,239	1,028.62
Totals:	37,518	1,592.26


 Salvatore Saccoccio Jr.
 City Assessor

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City of Cranston
2711 North Main
Administration List

2142231	ACQUISITION	81700	081810	081810001	081810	081810001
VALUATION			VEHICLE REG			VEHICLE REG
10 TAXPAYER			ID			ID
ALPHEO JAMES B						
81 NICKLE ST						
CRAVORTH RI 02916						
Original Value	1,200.00	Original Value				
EXCESS/OLD/ADJ/TOT	9,720.00	ADJUSTED TAX:				
ADJUSTED TAX:	1,200.00					

New Tax Year: 2011

Original Value	1200.00	Original Tax	1200.00	Accounts
Adjusted Tax		1200.00		

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE
2013 Motor Vehicle
Assessment List

Account	Vehicle ID	Year	Make	Model	Color	Original Value	Original Tax	Adjusted Tax	Original Value	Original Tax	Adjusted Tax
1	2101000	2007	MAZDA	MPV	WHITE	719	73.85	73.85	719	73.85	73.85
2	3412000	2007	MAZDA	MPV	WHITE	719	73.85	73.85	719	73.85	73.85
3	2001200	2007	MAZDA	MPV	WHITE	719	73.85	73.85	719	73.85	73.85
4	4200000	2007	MAZDA	MPV	WHITE	719	73.85	73.85	719	73.85	73.85

FOR TAX YEAR: 2013
 Original : Value Tax
 Adjusted Tax : 1228.00 on 3 Accounts
 54500.77

Feb-14 Waiver of Interest Applications

Recommend To Approve:

NAME	ADDRESS	TAX AMT	INTEREST	REASON
Bordieri, Paul	206 Dean Ridge Ct	\$3,888.45	\$567.07	lostcheck
Bello, Richard	65 Rockcrest Dr	575.07	\$122.52	hardship
Brewer Stasia	200 Mayfield Ave G-4	2,567.07	\$179.60	illness
Calcagno, Luz	14 Maiden St	101.03	\$15.16	lostcheck
Camevale, Gerard	29 Pheasant Dr	934.68	\$149.94	illness
Carter, Christina	19 Hans St	1,318.22	\$181.49	hardship
Colozzi, Edward	5 Bellvue Dr	856.25	\$137.01	death
Cooper, John	130 Summit Dr	479.53	\$111.03	lostcheck
DeCastro, Manuel	15 Bridgeton Ct	1,458.17	\$204.15	death
Delmonico, Anne	30 Beacon St	1,037.50	\$166.02	death
D'quila, Stella	115 Park Forest Rd	1,187.67	\$190.03	death
Fedeli, Antonetta	221 Capuano Ave	3,574.89	\$250.24	illness
Forsyth, Evelyn	7 Perennial Dr	1,921.51	\$153.72	hardship
Golding, Lisa	89 Gordon St	688.64	\$106.98	hardship
Houle, Annette	33 Red Robin Dr	374.54	\$52.44	hardship
Karpel Clinic	194 Gansett Ave	2,384.45	\$374.68	lostcheck
Lelebyre, Diane	101 Wine St	926.66	\$129.74	illness
Maggiacomo, Ennio	30 Arrow way	1,150.71	\$161.11	lostcheck
Mastrobuono, Stefanie	100 Vincent Way	1,599.73	\$175.53	hardship
O'Keefe, Megan	170 Westcott Ave	182.46	\$55.81	hardship
Regelmann, Janice	44 Wildberry Dr	1,391.94	\$222.71	illness
Rourke, Joseph	38 Selma St	188.10	\$26.33	illness
Russell, John	76 Orchard Valley Dr	2,049.59	\$325.31	lostcheck
Slater, Kathleen	28 Primrose Dr	2,095.43	\$335.27	lostcheck
Tow, Christopher	205 Dean Ridge Ct	1,608.46	\$257.36	illness
Tundis, Constance	33 Phillips Ct	4,847.43	\$923.31	death
Wenskowicz, Diane	132 Woodbury Rd	2,572.35	\$402.55	hardship

TAX INTEREST WAIVER DENIALS

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve the above list of Tax Interest Waiver Denials. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -8. Council Majority Leader Archetto was not present for roll call vote.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A \$1.8 MILLION DOLLAR BOND FOR THE CITY'S LIBRARIES

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Strom stated that Bond Counsel has advised him that \$600,000 from prior bond could be used. Based on this recommendation, the City Council could reduce the \$1.8 million Resolution to borrow to \$1.2 million.

Councilman Aceto asked opinion from the Library regarding this. Ed Garcia, Director of Libraries, appeared to speak and stated that the Library has no objections to lowering the Resolution amount.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to amend the above Resolution to \$1.2 million. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution as amended and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A \$15 MILLION DOLLAR REPAIR AND RENOVATION BOND FOR THE CITY'S SCHOOLS

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Ray Votto, School Department Chief Operating Officer, appeared to speak.

Fire Chief William McKenna appeared to speak and stated that the schools are safe.

Councilman Botts questioned Mr. Votto on whether our schools are indeed safe. Mr. Votto stated that they are safe, but the School Department would like to make them safer for our children.

Council President Lanni asked if there is money available for emergency repairs. Mr. Strom stated that there is money from five or six years ago in the amount of \$1.3 million that is available to be sued. Mr. Votto stated that the School Department would like to address the variances with the \$1.3 million.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio asked Mr. Strom his opinion regarding this Resolution. Mr. Strom stated that this is something the City should go forward with. This does not mean we are going to bond for \$15 million. This is just to place the request on the ballot for the voters to approve and have funds available, if needed.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the above Resolution and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE
(Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee, Chair)

REPORT OF SETTLED CLAIMS (Informational purposes only): George Schopac \$1,760.86 property damage; Joseph A. Tirocchi \$109.43 property damage; Corey Capirchio \$50.00 mailbox; James Cofone \$50.00 mailbox; Rafiel Rodriguez \$192.48 property damage.

No action needed.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS
(open to any matters)

Al Saccoccio, owner of Music Man Café, 1105 Scituate Ave., appeared to speak and stated that his business was shut down by the Supreme Court upon an appeal from the Condominium Association behind his business. He indicated that he had applied to the Zoning Board for a Variance and was granted approval. The Condominium Association appealed that decision to the Superior Court, who upheld the Zoning Board's decision. Subsequent to that, the Condominium Association appealed the Superior Court's decision to the Supreme Court, who upheld the appeal from the Association and was shut down. He questioned if he could apply for a Zone Change for this location, rather than wait for the appeal decision from the Supreme Court, which could take up to one to two years. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he could file an application to the City Council for a Zone Change.

Steve Boyle, President of Cranston Chamber of Commerce, appeared to speak in favor of the Music Man Café. He stated that he understands that there has to be a balance of neighborhoods, but there has to be a balance of the business community.

Suzanne Burns appeared to speak in favor of the Music Man Café.

Lisa Gardenia, who lives approximately one mile from the Music Man Café, appeared to speak and stated that this business gives over thirty people employment. She questioned on what grounds the Supreme Court Judge shut this business down.

VI. ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW:

ROBERT HAROOTUNIAN, Re-appointment as member, term expiration Jan. 28, 2017

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to amend the appointment of **Robert Harootunian to serve as an Alternate Member** and **Gina Howarth**, who currently serves as an Alternate Member, **serve as a full member**. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilman Stycos, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilman Santamaria and Council President Lanni -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Botts, Aceto and Council Vice-President Farina -3. Council Minority Leader Favicchio abstained.

Recommend to Deny

Aldrich, Teresa	265D Scituate Ave	855.81	\$119.80	forgot
Barbieri, Antonetta	111 Village Ave	988.39	\$138.37	Waiver 1-11
Donnelly, Real Estate	333 Niantic Ave	22,364.02	\$3,137.93	business
Perdikas, Constantinos	126 Beechwood Dr	4,557.14	\$638.01	Waiver 1-10
Yushin America	35 Kenney Dr	59,857.29	\$2,956.24	business

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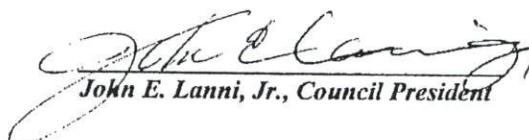
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF
LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A ~~1.8~~ MILLION DOLLAR BOND
FOR THE CITY'S LIBRARIES *1.2 MILLION**

*As Amended City Council March 24, 2014

No. 2014-8

Passed:

March 24, 2014



John E. Lanni, Jr.
John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

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

WHEREAS, The Cranston City Council hereby requests the Members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing a bond in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 for general capital building improvements to the Cranston Public Library system. *\$1,200,000.00

WHEREAS, The Cranston City Council hereby urge passage to authorize a referendum to be submitted to the electors of the City of Cranston on November 4, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, This Resolution shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Sponsored by: Council Vice President Farina, Councilmen Stycos, Aceto and Archetto

Referred to Finance Committee, March 13, 2014

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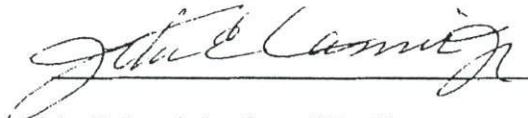
4 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

5 REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON
6 TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A *\$11.8
7 *\$15 MILLION DOLLAR REPAIR AND RENOVATION BOND FOR THE CITY'S
8 SCHOOLS

9 *As Amended Finance Committee 3/13/2014

10 No. 2014-9

11 *Passed:*
12 March 24, 2014

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14 *John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President*

15 *Resolved that,*

16 **WHEREAS**, The Cranston City Council hereby requests the Members of the General
17 Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing a bond in the
18 amount of *~~\$11,800,000~~ \$15,000,000 for general capital building improvements to the Cranston
19 Public School system.
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23 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, This resolution shall take effect upon its
24 final adoption.
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27 Sponsored by: Council President Lanni

28 Referred to Finance Committee March 13, 2014

BOARD OF CANVASSERS REPUBLICAN APPOINTMENT:

RANDY JACKVONY
ANTHONY LAMANTIA
STEVE RILEY
NUNZIO RICCIO
THOMAS G. LIMA

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Botts, it was voted to nominate Randy Jackvony as the Republican appointment to the Board of Canvassers. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9

VII. REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**REPORT ON HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, CONSULTANTS, ETC.,
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 15.05**

No discussion.

**COLONEL MARCO PALOMBO, JR., CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PENSION EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2014**

Mr. Cordy appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above request.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos stated that he had asked Mr. Quinlan if subsequent to the Colonel's retirement, criminal wrongdoing was found, would this approval be locking him into a pension. Mr. Quinlan stated that that he researched this at Councilman Stycos' request and the City Council does not have a role in whether or not it is appropriate to deny a pension. That is governed by the State Retirement Board. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he has looked into this and he has been advised that there is nothing pending concerning Colonel Palombo to warrant this type of discussion.

Councilman Stycos questioned why Colonel Palombo was placed on paid Administrative leave. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this is not the proper form to discuss this. This is a personnel matter. For a variety of reasons, it is premature to discuss this at this time, since there is an ongoing State Police investigation.

Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilman Botts, Council Vice-President Farina, Council Minority Leader Favicchio and Council President Lanni all wished Colonel Palombo well in his retirement and thanked him for his valued service to the City.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above request and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9

PETER FOURNIER, CRANSTON FIRE DEPT. REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION IN SERVICE

Mr. Cordy appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9

CLAIMS SETTLED BY SOLICITOR: Theresa Pennachia and Gemma Law Associates \$60,000.00 personal injury; David Pastore \$2,998.69 property damage

No action needed.

LEGAL FEES:

Councilman Santamaria questioned the \$78,150 for labor issues and asked what this is for. He asked for a breakdown by category.

IX. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Lanni addressed the State Police investigation and stated that he is looking forward to seeing it completed soon so we can move forward as a community. This City Council has received no information as to the working of the State Police and the ticket scandal. This bothers him. The public has a right to know and not be kept in the dark.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILWOMAN LEE

- **Status report on search dog park location**

Councilwoman Lee asked if any progress has been made in finding a location for a dog park in the City. Mr. Cordy stated that the Parks and Recreation Director has asked for another month continuance until the weather gets better.

COUNCILMAN STYCOS – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- **Restriping Norwood Avenue for traffic calming**

Mr. Cordy stated that the City is waiting for RIDOT's design to be sent back.

- **Status of tree planting program**

Mr. Barone stated that he spoke to John Campannini of RI Tree Council on Friday and he is meeting with him tomorrow.

Mr. Cordy stated that RI Tree Council had provided the City with three alternatives and the meeting tomorrow is so we can select one of those three alternatives and start the process.

Councilman Stycos asked for a report after this meeting. Mr. Barone stated that he can forward this to him after the meeting.

COUNCILMAN FAVICCHIO:

- **School Department vehicles: status report from School Administration on all vehicles originally requested Jan. 2014**

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that he made the request for this report in January and he is frustrated that it has been over sixty days since made that request and he has not received any report yet.

Kenneth Filarski, City Council Grant Writer, appeared to speak and stated that he is doing research with URI on obtaining grants for this. He also stated that he received information from the School Department on March 19th. He is now waiting for information from the Director of Senior Services.

COUNCILMAN SANTAMARIA:

- **Update regarding Fletcher Ave. Floodwall**

No discussion.

- **Tree problem at 39 Hillcrest**

Mr. Barone stated that this has been brought to the attention of the Tree Warden.

- **Inspection at Hazelton**

Mr. Barone stated that the Inspector is out ill. He will report back next month as soon as this can be addressed.

COUNCILMAN ACETO:

- **Status of ACLU Case**

Councilman Aceto asked that an update be given regarding this case.

COUNCILMAN BOTTS:

- **Paving Schedule**

Councilman Botts questioned the paving schedule. **Mr. Barone** stated that the 2013 2014 schedule will resume April 1st. The 2014-2015 schedule has not been reviewed yet.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS*

***(for informational purposes. All new business is referred to Committee for public hearing)**

- 03-14- 01 **ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' (Trough Trucking Prohibited – Springwood Street). [\[click to view\]](#)**
- 03-14-02 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY, A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT 16-4, LOT 183. (New London Avenue). [\[click to view\]](#)**

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD THEREON (Parks and Recreation). [\[click to view\]](#).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE THE COMMEMORATIVE NAME "PS3 RONALD A. GILL, JR. WAY" ON JORDAN AVENUE STREET SIGNS. [\[click to view\]](#)

Claims:

Frank Pettinato; Property damage; February 12, 2014
Debra Baldassarre; Property damage; February 12, 2014
Peter Yee; Property damage; February 13, 2014
Peter Elliott; Property damage; February 27, 2014
Anthony Franchetti, Jr.; Property damage; February 13, 2014
Linda Iavarone; Property damage; February 20, 2014
Elizabeth DelPadre; Property damage; February 21, 2014
Carly Cerullo; Property damage; February 13, 2014
Maria Murphy; Property damage; February 15, 2014
Debra Podbros; Property damage; February 13, 2014
Nicole & Maria Marella; Property damage; February 15, 2014
Michael Rossi; Property damage; February 13, 2014
David Picano; Property damage; February 20, 2014
E. Jane Woodhouse; Property damage; February 13 or 14, 2014
Scott Perron; Property damage; February 16, 2014
Christopher Tasca; Property damage; January – February storm
Bonnie Simon; Property damage; March 1, 2014
Maryann Manni; Property damage; February 21, 2014
Donna Pagliaro; Property damage; March 1, 2014
Steven DiSciullo; Property damage; February 13, 2014
Rhonda & Rick Gemma; Property damage; February 13, 2014

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to refer the above new business to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Lee, Councilmen Stycos, Botts, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Councilmen Aceto, Santamaria, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -9.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ON CLERK'S DESK

SEWER CONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LFG GENCO, LLC AND CITY OF CRANSTON [\[click to view\]](#) Waiting for Executed Copy

No discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.


Maria Medeiros Wall, JD, City Clerk


Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist)

3-14-01

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
(Through Trucking Prohibited – Springwood Street)

No.

Passed:

John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Allan Fung, Mayor

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

Section 1. Chapter 10.12, Section .0210 entitled "Through Trucking - Prohibited On Certain Streets" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Springwood Street

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

Positive Endorsement

Negative Endorsement (attach reasons)

Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor Date

Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor Date

Sponsored by: Councilman Stycos

Referred to Ordinance Committee April 17, 2014

3-14-02

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT 16-4, LOT 183 (New London Avenue)

No.

Passed:

John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

Approved:

Allan W. Fung, Mayor

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

SECTION 1. The City of Cranston desires to waive any and all rights with respect to property, specifically a portion of Assessor's Plat 16-4, Lot 183. See attached for description of property. The City Council of the City of Cranston hereby authorizes, approves, confirms, and ratifies the aforementioned waiver.

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

Positive Endorsement Negative Endorsement (attach reasons)

Christopher M. Rawson Date Christopher M. Rawson Date City Solicitor City Solicitor

Sponsored by Allan W. Fung, Mayor Referred to Ordinance Committee April 17, 2014

CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEMORIALIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM
CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING 2 MILLION BONDS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE A
REFERENDUM TO BE HELD THEREON
(Parks and Recreation)

No.

Passed:

John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

RESOLVED that,

The Cranston City Council hereby memorializes the members of the General Assembly from Cranston to introduce and urge passage of legislation authorizing bonds of the City in the amount and for the purpose listed below and to authorize a referendum to be held thereon, such referendum to be submitted to the electors of the City on November 4, 2014.

Amount

\$2,000,000.00

Purpose

To finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair, alterations and equipping of playgrounds and athletic fields in the City of Cranston.

The Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Sponsored by Councilman Michael W. Favicchio

Referred to Finance Committee April 17, 2014

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CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE THE COMMEMORATIVE NAME
"PS3 RONALD A. GILL, JR. WAY" ON JORDAN AVENUE STREET
SIGNS**

No.

Passed:

John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President

Resolved, That

WHEREAS, there currently exists, in the western side of the City of Cranston, between Flint Avenue and Fiat Avenue, a street known and identified as "Jordan Avenue."

WHEREAS, the street know as "Jordan Avenue" shall now include the commemorative name of "PS3 Ronald A. Gill, Jr. Way".

WHEREAS, the official name of Jordan Avenue shall remain the same, and for purposes relating to all emergency response systems, continue to be known as Jordan Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Jordan Avenue shall hereby include the commemorative name "PS3 Ronald A. Gill, Jr. Way".

This resolution shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Sponsored by: Councilmen Favicchio and Botts, Jr.

Referred to Public Works Committee April 7, 2014