

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-APRIL 29, 2019-

A Special meeting of the City Council was called held on Monday, April 29, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Council President Farina.

Roll call showed the following members present: Council Members Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas (appeared at 6:10 p.m.), McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

Also Present: Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration; John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration; Stephen Marsella, Assistant City Solicitor; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk.

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**CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In Accordance with Section 3.07 and 14.17 of the Home Rule Charter and Section 2.04.060 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on **Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6 p.m.**, Council Chamber, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02910 at which meeting the following matters will be heard:

Introduction of New Business:

Ordinance no. 4-19-1S Ratifying the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO Local Union 1363 Contract (FY July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022). Sponsored by Mayor Fung. Refer to Finance Committee May 6, 2019.
[\[click to view\]](#)

Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2);
Collective Bargaining Negotiations: International Association of Firefighters, IAFF,
Local 1363 - FY July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 22nd day of April 2019.

/s/ **Allan W. Fung, Mayor**

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Notice of a Special meeting of the City Council to be held on, Monday, April 29, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 22nd day of April, 2019 to the addresses listed below.

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Councilman John Donegan
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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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On motion by Councilmember Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -8. Councilmember Vargas was not present for roll call vote.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas (appeared at 6:10 p.m.), McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina; Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration; John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration; Stephen Marsella, Assistant City Solicitor; David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst; Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk.

On motion by Councilmember Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to come out of Executive Session: Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins, Vargas, McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -9.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

It was noted that since the membership has already voted on the contract, the minutes of Executive Session do not need to be sealed.

The following discussion was taken in Executive Session:

Director Parrillo stated that negotiations with the Union were very productive. What the Union wanted was over \$2.7 million over three years, what was agreed upon was approximately \$699,000 over three years. The following are some of the items that were agreed upon:

- *7% raise – 2%, 2% and 3%
- *1/2% longevity
- *Clothing Allowance increase
- *What the City got was Janis language cleanup; some management rights with light duty, which they did not have before; one holiday back from the Union, which was RI Independence Day.
- *What the City wanted was Assistant Chief out of the Union, they wanted an additional \$1 million for 10 new firefighters, which the City did not agree to.
- *Increase in Health Care
- *The City received an increase in OPEB, which is more than Police is paying.
- *The Union agreed to allow the City not to fill five slots if the City feels it needs to.
- *Some I.O.D. reform
- *Going forward, new hires will also only be able to have Blue Cross because it is less cost for the City than United.

Director Strom stated that we are trying to get the Union up to the 20% fee for Health Care, similar to other Unions. The City is paying at 100% for Pension and OPEB, both State and local.

Director Parrillo stated that the raises for this contract is in line with what the Union received three years ago and is less than what the other unions received.

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Councilmember Hopkins asked what the cost is for fire and rescue at the IMH. Director Parrillo stated that he does not have those figures this evening. He also stated that he is not sure if they do a per run analysis. He did state that runs have increased, but he does not know if there is a monetary number that you can put to each run.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee