

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-AUGUST 4, 2008-

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2008 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: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

Absent: Council Member Bucci -1.

Also Present: Ernest Carlucci, Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Charles Garganese, Assistant City Solicitor; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

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Clerk read Call of the Meeting:

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

***AMENDED
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In Accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Section 3.07 and Section 2.04.060 of the City Code thereof, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

Resolution Authorizing Release of Cash Reserve Funds Pursuant to Court Order
(School Department FY 2007/2008)

Resolution Proposing Amendment to Sec. 6.17 of the Cranston Home Rule Charter and Directing the Secretary of State to Place Same on the Ballot as a Referendum Question

Resolution for Authorization to Proceed to Develop a Proposal for Consolidation of all City Departments including the School Department under the City Council and Mayor and to expand the composition of the City Council to Fifteen Members and Directing the Secretary of State to Place Same on the Ballot as a Referendum Question

*Resolution Requesting RI Dept. of Environmental Management Perform a Free Environmental Site Assessment of 275 Atwood Avenue.

Introduction of New Business

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

Executed at Cranston, Rhode Island, this 30th day of July, 2008.

/s/ Aram G. Garabedian, Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Office of the City Clerk at 461-1000 Ext. 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date."

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true copy of the attached Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 30th day of July, 2008 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk read the following introduced items and the Committees and the date referred for public hearing:

Public Works Committee – August 14, 2008

- 8S-08-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Health and Safety” (Mandatory Recycling).**
- 8S-08-2 Ordinance in amendment of Title 8 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Health and Safety” (Penalties for Environmental Violations).**
- 8S-08-3 Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a grant of a utility easement relating to a Cranston High School East construction project located at 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI.**
- 8S-08-4 Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a grant of a utility easement relating to a Woodridge School construction project located at 401 Budlong Rd., Cranston, RI.**
- 8S-08-5 Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a grant of a utility easement relating to a Budlong Pool construction project located at Aqueduct Rd., Cranston, RI.**

Ordinance Committee, August 14, 2008

- 8S-08-06 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 15.12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Buildings and Construction” (Housing Standards Violations).**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, the above items were referred to the respective Committees. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

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“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH RESERVE FUNDS PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER (School Department FY 2007/2008)”

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO SEC. 6.17 OF THE CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM QUESTION”

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino asked for an explanation of this Resolution. Council President Garabedian stated that what this Resolution does is it locks nine members of the Council, unless the Mayor recommends the appropriation. What this does is if the Council wants to make an appropriation, as the Charter reads now, it can't without the recommendation of the Mayor. The Council can't initiate it without the Mayor's recommendation.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

“RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR CONSOLIDATION OF ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO EXPAND THE COMPOSITION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO FIFTEEN MEMBERS AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE SAME ON THE BALLOT AS A REFERENDUM QUESTION”

Council President Garabedian, sponsor of this Resolution, stated that he is withdrawing this Resolution at this time and is recommending that a Charter Review Commission be formed and take this up before the Charter Review Commission.

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**“RESOLUTION RI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PERFORM A FREE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF 275
ATWOOD AVE.”**

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

(See Stenographic Notes of Heather Finger, Stenotypist)