

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-DECEMBER 29, 2008-

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, December 29, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro (appeared at 7:17 P.M.), Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Also Present: Mayor Michael T. Napolitano; Ernie Carlucci, Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Donald Gray, Acting Finance Director; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

Councilman Santamaria presented Citation to Ernie DePari, Superintendent of Highway.

Council Vice-President McFarland presented Citation to Mayor Napolitano.

Councilman Lupino presented Citation to Mr. Carlucci.

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**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

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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, December 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

Presentation of FY 2008 Audit by Kostin, Ruffkes & Company and acceptance

Resolution Authorizing Loan to School Department for Payment of Performance Audit

12-08-1S Ordinance in amendment of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Administration and Personnel" (Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification Process)

11-08-4 Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Vehicles and Traffic – Honeysuckle Dr.). Continued 12/1/2008 Safety Services & Licenses Committee.

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 22nd day of December, 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, December 29, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 22nd day of December, 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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Audit Presentation

Council President Garabedian stated that the auditors were not able to attend this meeting so Mr. Woerner and Mr. Gray will address the Audit.

Mr. Woerner stated that he and Mr. Gray spoke to the auditors today and they all agreed that there was no need for them to attend this meeting. They are working on the Audit this evening, but are committed that it will be ready for the Auditor General in time.

Mr. Gray stated that the numbers presented this evening more than likely will not change. He also gave some highlights of the Audit.

Councilman Barone asked if the Cullion settlement is listed in this Audit, since it is a debt that we incurred. Mr. Woerner stated, not unless the auditors make that change. As of today, it is not in these numbers. He also stated that no vote is needed this evening. The auditors will file it with the State and then that will come back to the Council to file a management letter.

Council Vice-President McFarland asked if the auditors have any findings. Mr. Woerner stated that there may be three or four and they discussed them with the Audit Committee.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOAN TO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR PAYMENT OF PERFORMANCE AUDIT

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to adopt the above Resolution.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lanni asked if this is going to be in the form of a loan. Mr. Woerner stated that this is a separate line item appropriation.

Councilman Livingston stated that this ought to be a loan similar to the previous one.

Councilman Lanni stated that we all agreed to loan the funds. The Judge did not state we had to grant funding. He thinks this should be in a form of a loan instead of a grant.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to amend this Resolution as follows:

third paragraph, after the word “make”, delete “a supplemental appropriation” and add “supplemental loan not to exceed \$100,000”.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Quinlan suggested also amending the fourth paragraph as follows: after the word “emergency”, delete “appropriation” and add “loan not to exceed \$100,000”. Councilman Livingston questioned whether an Ordinance needs to be passed rather than a Resolution. Mr. Woerner stated, yes, this Resolution is so we can get some action going.

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Roll call was taken on motion to amend the above Resolution as stated by Councilman Barone and Mr. Quinlan and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to approve the above Resolution as amended. Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

12-08-1S ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL' (Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification Process)

Council President Garabedian, sponsor of this Ordinance, stated that a question has been raised about this Ordinance's impact on the School Department employees and he is withdrawing this Ordinance at this time.

11-08-4 ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' (Honeysuckle Dr.).

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

(See stenographic notes of Ron Ronzio, Stenotypist)