

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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A Special meeting of the Cranston City Council was held on MONDAY, January 1 2007 at the Cranston High School West Auditorium, Cranston, Rhode Island at 7:00 P.M.

Stephen Napolitano welcomed everyone and announced the opening of the 2007 Inaugural Program. He thanked the Cranston High School East Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mark Colozzi, for entertaining the guests prior to the commencement of the Inauguration. As Mr. Napolitano introduced the members of the processional, members of the Cranston Police Department and members of the Cranston Fire Department provided Escort Service to the platform guests.

Mr. Napolitano asked the audience to stand for the presentation of the colors by the Cranston High School East ROTC Cadets, under the direction of Major Richard Cournoyer and to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Invocation.

Katherine Napolitano, daughter of Mayor-elect and Mrs. Napolitano, Marcus and Austin Navarro, sons of Councilman-Elect Emilio Navarro and Victoria Vessella and Kerri Rubeino, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cranston High School West Choir, under the direction of Mr. Phillip Faraone, sang the National Anthem.

Pastor James J. Verdelotti, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, offered the Invocation.

At this time, the ROTC Cadets posted the colors.

The Cranston High School West Choir, under the direction of Mr. Phillip Faraone, entertained the audience with a special selection of America the Beautiful and This is My Country.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, read Certificate of Election of Mayor Michael T. Napolitano.

United States Senator-Elect Sheldon Whitehouse administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Michael T. Napolitano.

Mayor Michael T. Napolitano issued inaugural address.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, read Certificate of Election of the School Committee Members-Elect.

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Mayor Michael T. Napolitano administered the Oath of Office to the School Committee Members-Elect.

Michael Traficante, Chair of School Committee, gave School Department address.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, called the meeting of the Cranston City Council to order and asked Clerk to take the roll. The following members were present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Member McFarland and Councilman Garabedian -9.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, read Certificate of Election of the Council Members-Elect.

United States Senator-Elect Sheldon Whitehouse administered the Oath of Office to the Council Members-Elect.

*NOTE: Council Members-Elect were sworn in by City Clerk prior to commencement of meeting.

City Clerk asked for nominations for Council President.

City Clerk recognized Councilman Lanni and Council Member McFarland.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Council Member McFarland, it was voted to elect **ARAM G. GARABEDIAN** as COUNCIL PRESIDENT. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, and Council Member McFarland -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

Council President Garabedian presided and offered his remarks. He recognized members of the Cranston Delegation to the RI General Assembly, as well as three of the City's outstanding school sponsored organizations: the Cranston High School West Choir, under the direction of Mr. Phillip Faraone; the Cranston High School East Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Mark Colozzi and the Cranston High School East Jr. ROTC Cadets, under the direction of Major Richard Cournoyer.

Council President Garabedian asked for nominations for Council Vice-President.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to elect **PAULA MCFARLAND** as COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone and Council President Garabedian -8.

Council Vice-President McFarland offered her remarks.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that members of the Cranston City Council have selected **COUNCILMAN JOHN E. LANNI, JR.**, as MAJORITY LEADER to serve during the 2007-2009 term.

Council President Garabedian stated that **COUNCILMAN JEFFREY P. BARONE**, will be the MINORITY LEADER to serve during the 2007-2009 term. Councilman Barone stated that constituents in Ward 6 placed their faith in him in voting for him to represent them and he will be proud to take this seat.

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Council President Garabedian stated that since the Rules for 2007-2009 session have not been amended at this time, these are the same Rules as the Rules being followed the last two years and they can be amended at a later date

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to adopt the Rules for 2007-2009 session with no changes at this time. 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.

Council President Garabedian stated that next order of business is the election of the Probate Judge. City Clerk read letter of recommendation from Probate Judge Advisory Committee.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to re-appoint **JOHN DIBONA** as PROBATE JUDGE. No other nominations were made. 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.

Council President Garabedian stated that next order of business is election of Municipal Court Judge.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to re-appoint **FRED E. JOSLYN, JR.** as MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to appoint **THOMAS RICCI** as second MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Council President Garabedian stated that next order of business is election of Auxiliary Judge.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to appoint **WILLIAM GUGLIETTA** as AUXILIARY JUDGE. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Mayor Napolitano administered the Oath of Office to the Municipal Court Judges and the Probate Judge.

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Council President Garabedian stated that next order of business is appointment of City Clerk.

On motion by Council Vice-President, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to re-appoint **MARIA MEDEIROS WALL** as City Clerk. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

Council President Garabedian administered the Oath of Office to the City Clerk.

Council President Garabedian stated that next order of business is appointment of Registrar.

On motion by Council Member Bucci, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to re-appoint **JACLYN CARUOLO** as City Registrar. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

Council Vice-President McFarland administered the Oath of Office to the City Registrar.

Council President Garabedian stated that the appointment of Harbor Master will be taken up at the next Council meeting.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to take up this appointment this evening. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to appoint **PAULA A. CASEY**, 54 Dale Ave. as HARBOR MASTER. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1 with 2 abstentions. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Livingston, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council Member 1. Councilman Lupino and Council President Garabedian abstained.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to appoint **ROBERT F. DUNNING**, 117 Burnside St., as SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

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Council President Garabedian called upon Council Vice-President McFarland to announce the Committee Assignments and stated that he is ex-officio member of all committees.

Council Vice-President McFarland announced the following City Council Committee appointments:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Terence Livingston

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair – Council Vice-President McFarland

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chair – Council Member Maria A. Bucci

CLAIMS COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Anthony J. Lupino

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES: Chair - Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.

BOARD OF CONTRACT & PURCHASE: Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

CITY PLAN COMMISSION: Council Vice-President Paula B. McFarland

“Ordinance 12-06-3 “Authorizing the City to utilize Eastern Cranston Impact Fees for the acquisition of additional modular ice rink facility”

Council President Garabedian stated that this Ordinance will be taken up at the January 11, 2006 Special City Council meeting for public hearing.

Council President Garabedian recognized the Inaugural Committee, its Volunteers and co-coordinators. He expressed the gratitude to Mayor Napolitano and all the elected officials. He thanked the Platform Guests, Cranston Area Career & Technical Center Culinary Program; Cranston West Choir; Cranston East Wind Ensemble; Cranston East Jr. ROTC Cadets; Cranston School Department; Building Maintenance; Pastor James J. Verdelotti, St. Mary’s Church; Deacon Peter A. Ceprano, St. Mary’s Church.

Council President Garabedian invited all guests on behalf of Mayor & Mrs. Napolitano, City Council and School Committee Members to attend a reception and refreshments in the High School Cafeteria.

Council President Garabedian thanked the audience for their attendance and participation and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Council President Garabedian called upon Deacon Peter A. Ceprano to offer Benediction.

Members of the Cranston High School East Jr. ROTC Cadets retrieved the Colors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees