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SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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A Special meeting of the Cranston City Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 in the Cranston High School West Auditorium, 80 Metropolitan Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island at 7:00 P.M.

Major Robert W. Ryan of the Cranston Police Department, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone and announced the opening of the 2011 Inaugural Program. He thanked the Cranston High School East Honor Band, under the direction of Mark Colozzi and the Cranston High School West Honor Band, under the direction of Arthur Montanaro for providing the processional music.

Major Ryan introduced the members of the processional escorted by the Cranston High School East, Jr., ROTC Cadets and the Cranston Fire Department Honor Guard.

Major Ryan asked the audience to stand for the presentation of the colors by the Cranston Police Department and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem and Invocation.

Major Ryan introduced Lisa and Catherine Zarrella, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Major Ryan introduced Marissa DiBiase, who sang the National Anthem.

Major Ryan introduced Reverend Bernard A. Healey of St. Ambrose Church, Lincoln, RI and Governmental Liaison for the Diocese of Providence for the Invocation.

Major Ryan introduced the Dignitaries seated on stage

Maria Wall, City Clerk, read Certificate of Election of Mayor Allan W. Fung.

Major Ryan introduced the Honorable O. Rogerie Thompson.

The Honorable O. Rogerie Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Allan W. Fung, who was joined by his parents Kwong Wen Fung and Tan Ping Fung, on stage.

Mayor Allan W. Fung issued inaugural address.

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

State Treasurer-Elect Gina Raimondo administered the Oath of Office to the School Committee Members-Elect.

Andrea Iannazzi, 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: Councilwoman-Elect Leslie A. Luciano, Councilmen-Elect James E. Donahue, Anthony J. Lupino, Steven A. Stycos, Emilio L. Navarro, Paul H. Archetto, Robert J. Pelletier, Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., and Michael W. Favicchio.

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

Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis administered the Oath of Office to the Council Members-Elect.

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

City Clerk stated that in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order, the meeting will proceed with a Roll Call election for the Office of Council President. Each Council member shall declare their vote for the office of Council President and in accordance with the City Charter, Section 3.04, a majority of five votes is needed to hold the office.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

City Clerk asked the Clerk to take the roll. Councilman Stycos nominated Councilman Navarro, Councilman Navarro nominated himself, Councilman Archetto nominated Councilman Navarro, Councilman Pelletier nominated Councilman Lupino, Councilman Santamaria nominated Councilman Navarro, Councilman Favicchio nominated Councilman Lupino, Councilwoman Luciano nominated Councilman Lupino, Councilman Donahue nominated Councilman Lupino and Councilman Lupino nominated himself. Roll call showed **COUNCILMAN LUPINO** as ***COUNCIL PRESIDENT***.

Council President Lupino presided and offered his remarks. He recognized members of the Cranston Delegation to the RI General Assembly, as well as the Cranston High School East Honor Band, under the direction of Mark Colozzi, the Cranston High School West Honor Band, under the direction of Arthur Montanaro for providing the processional music and the Cranston High School East, Jr. ROTC Cadets and Colonel John Murray, Commander.

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

City Clerk asked the Clerk to take the roll for appointment of Council Vice-President. Councilman Stycos nominated himself, Councilman Navarro nominated Councilman Stycos, Councilman Archetto nominated Councilman Stycos, Councilman Pelletier nominated Councilman himself, Councilman Santamaria nominated Councilman Stycos, Councilman Favicchio nominated Councilman Pelletier, Councilwoman Luciano nominated Councilman Pelletier, Councilman Donahue nominated Councilman Pelletier and Councilman Lupino nominated Councilman Pelletier. Roll call showed **COUNCILMAN PELLETIER** as ***COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT***.

APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER

Councilman Santamaria stated that the Democratic members of the Cranston City Council have selected **COUNCILMAN EMILIO L. NAVARRO** as ***MAJORITY LEADER*** to serve during the 2011-2013 term.

APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY LEADER

Councilman Favicchio stated that Republic members of the Cranston City Council have selected **COUNCILMAN JAMES E. DONAHUE** as ***LEADER MINORITY*** to serve during the 2011-2013 term.

COUNCIL RULES

Councilman Santamaria presented the proposed Council Rules for the 2011-2013 session.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to approve the Council Rules as presented. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATE JUDGE

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

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to re-appoint **JOHN DIBONA, ESQ.**, as ***PROBATE JUDGE***. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

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APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Council President Lupino stated that the next order of business is election of Municipal Court Judges.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to re-appoint **FRED E. JOSLYN, JR., ESQ.**, as **CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to re-appoint **THOMAS R. RICCI, ESQ.**, as **SENIOR ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to re-appoint **RAYMOND C. COIA, ESQ.**, as **ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to appoint **KENNETH A. SCHREIBER, ESQ.**, as **ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

On motion by Councilman Navarro, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to appoint **DAVID GILLIGAN, ESQ.**, as **AUXILIARY JUDGE**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

Mayor Fung administered the Oath of Office to the Probate Judge, Municipal Court Judges and Auxiliary Judge.

CITY CLERK

On motion by Councilman Donahue, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, 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 Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

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

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COUNCIL AUDITOR

On motion by Council Vice-President Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to re-appoint **STEVE WOERNER**, as **COUNCIL AUDITOR**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

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

REGISTRAR

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Donahue, it was voted to re-appoint **JACKIE CARUOLO**, as **REGISTRAR**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

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

HARBOR MASTER

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Pelletier, it was voted to re-appoint **PAUL CASEY**, as **HARBOR MASTER**. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Stycos, Navarro, Archetto, Council Vice-President Pelletier, Councilmen Santamaria, Favicchio, Councilwoman Luciano, Councilman Donahue and Council President Lupino -9.

Council President Lupino announced the following City Council Committee Assignments and stated that he is ex-officio member of all Committees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair - Councilman Emilio L. Navarro.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Paul H. Archetto

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chair – Council Vice-President Robert J. Pelletier

CLAIMS COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Steven A. Stycos

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.

FLOOD SUB-COMMITTEE: Chair – Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.

Councilman Navarro declined his appointment as Chair of Finance Committee and stated that the members were not consulted of these appointments prior to this meeting. Council President Lupino stated that the Chair appointments he has made to the Committees will stand until he receives, from each member individually, in writing, a letter declining the appointment and specific reasons why the Council member can't serve the citizens of Cranston on these Committees. To deny those appointments would be a disservice to the citizens of Cranston.

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Councilman Stycos also declined his appointment as Chair of Claims Committee.

Councilman Archetto declined his appointment as Chair of Ordinance Committee.

Councilman Lupino recognized the Inaugural Committee, its volunteers and co-coordinators and expressed gratitude of Mayor Fung and all the elected officials. He thanked the Platform Guests, the Cranston East Jr. ROTC Cadets, the Cranston School Department, the Building Maintenance Department and Reverend Bernard A. Healy of St. Ambrose Church.

Councilman Lupino invited all guests on behalf of Mayor Fung, City Council and School Committee Members to a reception and refreshments in the Cafeteria.

Councilman Lupino thanked the audience for their attendance and participation and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Lupino called upon Reverend Bernard A. Healy to offer Benediction.

Members of the Cranston Police Department retrieved the Colors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees