

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

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A Special meeting of the Cranston City Council was held on MONDAY, January 6, 2003 at the Cranston High School East Auditorium, Cranston, Rhode Island at 7:00 P.M..

Deborah St. Peter welcomed everyone and announced the opening of the 2003 Inaugural Program. She thanked the Cranston High School West Jazz Band, under the direction of Arthur Montanaro, for entertaining the guests prior to the commencement of the inauguration. As Ms. St. Peter introduced the members of the processional, the Cranston High School East Jr., ROTC Cadets, under the direction of Colonel Paul McNamara provided Escort Service to the platform guests.

At this point, the ROTC Color Guard posted the Colors.

Samuel Laffey, son of Mayor-Elect and Mrs. Laffey and Elena Pastore, daughter of Councilman Peter Pastore and Dr. Louise DiChiara-Pastore, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cranston High School East Chamber Choir, under the direction of Richard Lepore, sang the National Anthem.

Ms. St. Peter introduced the Master of Ceremonies, John DePetro, WHJJ talk show host and personal friend of Mayor-Elect Laffey.

Mr. DePetro read greetings from Senator Jack Reed and US Representative James Langevin.

Pastor David Gadoury, Pastor of Cranston Christian Fellowship offered the Invocation.

Governor-Elect Donald Carcieri issued greetings of the State.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, read Certificate of Election of the Mayor-Elect Stephen P. Laffey.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Frank J. Williams, administered Oath of Office to Mayor Stephen P. Laffey.

Mayor Stephen P. Laffey issued inaugural address.

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

Mayor Laffey administered Oath of Office to the School Committee Members-Elect.

Jacqueline White, Chair of School Committee, gave School Department address.

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

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Councilmen-Elect Pastore, Fung, Jackvony, O'Hara, Fogarty, McFarland, Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Governor-Elect Carcieri 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.

The Cranston High School East Chamber Choir and Mr. James Ferolito, father of Councilman Marc Ferolito sang God Bless America.

Father Ron Brassard, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, offered the Council Invocation.

Maria Wall, City Clerk, called the Cranston City Council meeting to order and asked Clerk to take the roll. City Clerk asked for nominations for Council President.

Clerk recognized Councilwoman O'Hara and Councilman Jackvony.

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to elect PETER T. PASTORE, JR. as COUNCIL PRESIDENT. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council President Pastore now presides and addressed Cranston's financial situation.

Council President Pastore asked for nominations for Council Vice-President and recognized Councilwoman McFarland and Councilman Fung.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to elect ELLEN O'HARA as COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Jackvony, it was voted to adopt the Rules of the City Council as amended on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council President Pastore recognized three outstanding school sponsored organizations: The Cranston High School East Chamber Choir under the direction of Mr. Richard Lepore, The Cranston High School East Jr. ROTC Color Guard and Cadets under the command of Colonel Paul McNamara and The Cranston High School West Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Arthur Montanaro.

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

Council President recognized Council Member Fogarty and Councilman Ferolito.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, 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 Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council President recognized Councilman Lanni and Councilwoman McFarland.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, it was voted to re-appoint MICHAEL NAPOLITANO as MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council President recognized Councilman McDonough and Councilwoman O'Hara.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilwoman O'Hara, it was voted to appoint VITO SCIOLTO as AUXILIARY JUDGE. No other nominations were made. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

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

Council President Pastore recognized Councilwoman McFarland and Council Member Fogarty.

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, 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 Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council President recognized Councilman Lanni and Councilman McDonough.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman McDonough, it was voted to appoint JACQUELINE 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 Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

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On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to re-appoint CARL HJERPE, 29 Arnold Ave., as HARBOR MASTER. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman McDonough, it was voted to re-appoint BRUCE PETERSON, 95 Briarcliffe Rd., as SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

On motion by Councilman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, it was voted to appoint COUNCILWOMAN O'HARA to the PLANNING COMMISSION. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Pastore, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni and McDonough -9.

Council Vice-President O'Hara announced the following City Council Committee appointments:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair Ellen O'Hara
Vice-Chair Cynthia M. Fogarty
Members: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair Paula McFarland
Vice-Chair Cynthia M. Fogarty
Members: Councilman Kirk McDonough
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony
Councilman Allan W. Fung

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chair Kirk McDonough
Vice-Chair John E. Lanni, Jr.
Members: Councilwoman Paula McFarland
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito

CLAIMS COMMITTEE: Chair Cynthia M. Fogarty
Vice-Chair Ellen O'Hara
Members: Councilman Kirk McDonough
Councilman Allan W. Fung
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES: Chair John E. Lanni, Jr.
Vice-Chair Kirk McDonough
Members: Council Member Cynthia M. Fogarty
Councilman Allan W. Fung
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito

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PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMM.: Chair Cynthia M. Fogarty
Members: Councilwoman Paula McFarland
Councilman Allan W. Fung

SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMM.: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony

BOARD OF CONTRACT & PURCHASE: Councilwoman Paula McFarland
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito

CRANSTON 2000: Councilwoman Paula McFarland
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Allan W. Fung

INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT: Chair Paula McFarland
Members: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Allan W. Fung

HOWARD COUNCIL: Councilman Kirk McDonough

ADVISORY COMM. ON PARKS & RECREATION: Councilman Allan W. Fung
Councilwoman Paula McFarland

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Paula McFarland
Councilman Kirk McDonough
Council Member Cynthia M. Fogarty
Councilman Randall A. Jackvony
Councilman Marc D. Ferolito

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.

MAJORITY LEADER: Councilwoman Paula McFarland

MINORITY LEADER: Councilman Randall A. Jackvony

On motion by Councilwoman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Ferolito, the following introduced Ordinances be advertised for hearing before the Ordinance Committee on THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2003 at 7 PM pursuant to Sec. 3.12 of the Charter on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -9.

1-03-1S Ordinance amending the Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003 (Legal Counsel). FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003.

1-03-2S Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Administration" (Section 25.5 Council's Internal Auditor). FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003.

1-03-3S Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 1970, entitled "Administration" (Section 2-17.11 Salaried Employees). FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003).

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- 1-03-4S Ordinance amending the Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. (appropriation Schedule for Finance Department; Treasury & Tax Collection Department; Public Works Department; Engineering Department; Fleet Maintenance Department; Director of Finance Administration). FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003.
- 1-03-5S Ordinance amending the Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. (Appropriation Schedule for Economic Development Department). FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003 and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE 1/16/2003.

Council President Pastore expressed his gratitude on behalf of the City Council, School Committee and Mayor Laffey to the Inaugural Committee, its volunteers and Co- Coordinators, Deborah St. Peter and Ellen O'Hara for their fine work and contribution of their time to make the 49th City of Cranston Inauguration a great celebration. He also thanked the Platform Guests, Cranston West Jazz Ensemble, Cranston East Chamber Choir, Cranston East Jr. ROTC, Cranston Department of Senior Services and volunteers, Cranston School Department, Building Maintenance, Pastor David Gadoury and Father Ron Brassard. He also invited all guest on behalf of the Mayor and Mrs. Laffey, the School Committee and members of the City Council to a reception and refreshments in the Cafeteria.

Pastor Gadoury and Father Brassard offered Benediction.

Members of the Jr. ROTC Color Guard retrieved the Colors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees