

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JULY 17, 2006-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, July 17, 2006 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Fung, Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –5.

Absent: Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty and Council Member Bucci -4.

Also Present: Mike Glucksman, City Solicitor.

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Clerk read Call of the Meeting:

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

In Accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Section 3.07 thereof, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 5:30 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, Cranston, RI 02910 at which meeting the following items of business shall be transacted:

- Executive Session pursuant to Sections 14.17 and 5.04 of the City Charter – update on collective bargaining

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 11th day of July, 2006.

/s/ Stephen P. Laffey, Mayor

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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, July 17, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 13th day of July, 2006 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:43 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Fung, Barone, Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian; Mayor Laffey; Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Mike Glucksman, City Solicitor; Attorney Vincent Ragosta.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 5:55 P.M.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5.

City Clerk presented to the Council members for information only, veto from the Mayor regarding Ordinance 5-06-2 (Building Inspections), which was received on July 5, 2006. Council President Garabedian asked that this be placed on the docket for the next Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

At the August 31, 2006 Special City Council meeting, the Council voted to unseal the minutes of Executive Session from the July 17, 2006 Special City Council meeting.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:43 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Fung, Barone, Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian; Mayor Laffey; Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Mike Glucksman, City Solicitor; Attorney Vincent Ragosta.

Mayor Laffey stated that he feels the City has reached a successful contract with the IBPO. Some of the items agreed on are:

- Health Savings Accounts
- Preserve Management Rights
- Pension Reforms
- 17.5% co-pay for new hires for healthcare.

He stated that he believes this is a good attractive deal for the City of Cranston and good contract for the Union. Mr. Grimes and Attorney Ragosta did a lot of work and held approximately 27 sessions with the Union Representatives.

Attorney Ragosta stated that the contract is in draft format, and copies will be sent to the Council members. He stated that a lot has been accomplished in this contract, specifically the healthcare and pension issues.

Mr. Grimes updated the Council regarding the IAFF (Fire Union) negotiations and stated that their position is they are continuing to make the argument that they should not be paying a co-pay.

Mayor Laffey indicated that every Union in the City, including teachers, have a co-pay. This is why it is important to get the contract for the Police approved, in order to indicate to the Fire Union that they are currently the only ones in the City who are not co-paying.