

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-JULY 26, 2007-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2007 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro (appeared at 8:10 P.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –7.

Absent: Councilman Livingston and Council Member Bucci -2.

Also Present: Frank Migliorelli, Deputy Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor.

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The Clerk read the following:

**CITY OF CRANSTON
RHODE ISLAND**

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

In Accordance with Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter and, Section 2.04.060 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Thursday, July 26, 2007 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
869 Park Ave.,
Cranston, RI. 02910

- Ordinance 7SS-07-1 Ratifying the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) Contract, AFL-CIO Local Union 1363 (FY 2006-2007).
- Ordinance 5-07-8 in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Briggs St. and Greene Ave.)
- Zoning Board of Review - Appointment of 4th Alternate member Frank M. Taraborelli
- **Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2)**
Pending/potential litigation update:
Cullion Concrete Plant
Topakian v. City of Cranston

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 24th day of July, 2007.

/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 Amended Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 24th day of July, 2007 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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“ORDINANCE 7SS-07-1 RATIFYING THE IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) CONTRACT, AFL-CIO LOCAL UNION 1363 (FY2006-2007)”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded a voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Santamaria, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council President Garabedian -1. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

“ORDINANCE 5-07-8 IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.32 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ (Briggs St. and Greene Ave.)”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to deny this Ordinance. Motion failed on a vote of 0-6. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that we do not need more Stop Signs in the City. Councilman Lupino stated that calming devices used in other cities do much better job then Stop Signs. Providence and Johnston have calming devices that work very well.

Councilman Lanni urged passage of this Ordinance. He stated that this is a simple request by a Ward Councilman for constituents.

Council Vice-President McFarland asked Administration of the calming devices purchased by the previous Administration, where are they located currently. She also indicated that there is a negative endorsement from the Traffic Engineer.

Councilman Lupino stated that at some point, the Council should meet with the Traffic Engineer to see what other methods we should use as calming devices.

Councilman Santamaria stated that according to number one in the Traffic Engineer’s Report, it states that signs are illegal. If this Ordinance fails, he will have Highway Department go out tomorrow to remove the current signs and there will be no signs at all. The City Clerk has indicated that the Traffic Engineer will introduce a Two-Way Stop Sign in the future. If that is the case, he will withdraw this Ordinance.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro (appeared at 8:10 P.M.), Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 8:35 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Lupino, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

“ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW – APPOINTMENT OF 4TH ALTERNATE MEMBER – FRANK M. TARABORELL”

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to withdraw the name of Frank M. Taraborelli from consideration. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See stenographic notes of Meredith Mahoney, Stenotypist)