

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-MARCH 24, 2009-

A joint special meeting of the City Council and School Committee was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto (appeared at 7:20 PM), Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

School Committee Chair Traficante called portion of the School Committee meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. and the following members were present: Chairman Michael Traficante, Paula McFarland, Stephanie Culhane, Janice Ruggieri, Andrea Iannazzi, Frank Lombardi, Steve Stycos.

Also Present: Mayor Allan W. Fung; Robin Muksian-Schutt; Robert Strom, Director of Finance; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

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The City Clerk read the following:

**CALL 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

Joint Meeting with the Cranston School Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

CHSE Auditorium
899 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI. 02910

**Resolution Adopting the School Department's FY2009 Budget Deficit
Corrective Action Plan. Sponsored by Council President Lanni**

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 17th day of March, 2009.

/s/ John E. Lanni, Jr., 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 Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 17th day of March, 2009 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

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**“RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT’S FY 2009
BUDGET DEFICIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN”**

Councilman Lupino questioned why there is no fiscal note attached to the Resolution. Mr. Woerner stated that this will be appropriated in a supplemental appropriation through an Ordinance in the fourth quarter of 2009. Councilman Lupino stated that if this is the case, this Ordinance would have to come from the Mayor. Mr. Woerner stated that this Resolution is needed in order to forward it to the Auditor General.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to amend this Resolution as follows: second page, second paragraph, after the words “annual amounts”, add “**which shall not apply to any maintenance effort provisions of State Law**”. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

Chairman Traficante asked that the School Committee be allowed to make some statements.

Mr. Lombardi stated that passing this Resolution endorses a proposed deficit reduction plan of the School Committee, which has not been passed yet.

Councilman Lupino stated that this Resolution is passed in anticipation of the School Committee passing the plan. Mr. Lombardi questioned whether the City Council is asking the School Committee to withdraw the appeal before the Supreme Court. Council Vice-President Livingston stated that he is most certainly asking them to do that.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to approve the above Resolution as amended. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to reconsider the above motion due to disagreement between parties and Mayor, School Committee and Council Leadership will meet and come up with an agreement with the Auditor General. Councilman Aceto asked what the nature of the disagreement is. School Committee Chair Traficante stated that the School Committee never saw the details in the Resolution until this evening. Mr. Lombardi stated that the way this Resolution reads, it appears that the Caruolo Action would have to be dismissed in order to get the funds and some School Committee members do not agree to this. The School Committee feels the Caruolo Action should be dismissed as a condition of this Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

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On motion by Council Vice-President Livingston, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to withdraw the above Resolution. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Aceto, Navarro, Archetto, Pelletier, Santamaria, Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, Council Vice-President Livingston and Council President Lanni -9.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic notes of Heather Finger, Stenotypist)