

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-MAY 3, 2008-

Special meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M. by Council President Garabedian.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci (appeared at 9:00 A.M.), Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

Also Present: Frank Migliorelli, Deputy Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel..

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Clerk read Call of the Meeting:

***AMENDED NOTICE**

CITY OF CRANSTON RHODE ISLAND

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

Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

Exec Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2)

- ***Potential Litigation: Caruolo action**

Public Session:

- **Resolution To The Mayor Regarding a Recommendation for an Additional Appropriation for the School Department's 2007/2008 Budget.**

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 1st day of May, 2008.

/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 Call of a special meeting of the City Council to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 1st day of May, 2008 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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Public Speakers:

Paul Gibbs, 97 Orchard St., appeared to speak and asked the Council if they are prepared to decimate City departments who have kept our City a great place to raise our children and live in. He asked that they do not succumb to the pressure of a threat of a Caruolo Action. He implored the Council to do what is best for the whole City.

Gino Costantino, 14 Elena St., appeared to speak and stated that in reading the Providence Journal the other day, on one side of the West Bay was an article of the City giving \$1.9 million to the cement plant and on the other side, an article of the School threatening a Caruolo Action. He stated that he owns a business in Cranston and it is a hard City to have a business in.

Albert Benetti, 24 Concord Ave., appeared to speak and stated that the public School system does not prioritize itself for the consumer. It has gotten to the point where there is not sufficient funds anymore. This School Committee controls 90% of the costs as contractual obligations. If you do go to Court, you have to challenge every line item including contract line items. If this goes to Court, he would like to know if the public is allowed to attend and testify.

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2). Motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1. Councilman Livingston was not present for roll call vote.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 9:02 A.M.

Present in Executive Session: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian; Frank Migliorelli, Deputy Director of Administration; Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 10:10 A.M.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Councilman Navarro, it was voted to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Santamaria, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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City Clerk indicated that the following motion was taken in Executive Session:
“The Council requests that the Mayor file a Writ of Mandamus requesting the School Department to balance their budget for 2007-2008 year, which motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following voting “aye”: Councilmen Lanni, Lupino, Livingston, Navarro, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Santamaria, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. The following voting “nay”: Councilman Barone -1.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

(See Stenographic Notes of Meredith Mahoney, Stenotypist)