

## **SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL**

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Special meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by the Council President.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –9.

Also Present: Mayor Stephen Laffey; Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Robin Muksian-Schutt, Deputy Director of Administration; Michael Glucksman, City Solicitor; Jerome Baron, Director of Finance; Mike Igoe, City Controller; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel.

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City 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 Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910 at which meeting the following items of business shall be transacted:

- Resolution Memorializing the Members of the General Assembly from Cranston to Introduce and Urge Passage of Legislation Authorizing Bonds of the City and to Authorize a Referendum to be held thereon for \$8,500,000 for the City's Sewer System.
- Consideration and Action on the Operating Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Home Rule Charter.
- Consideration and Action on Resolution Levying and Order the Assessment and Collection of a Tax on Ratable Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Section 6.11 of the Home Rule Charter and Ordinance Fixing the Date when Taxes are Assessed and Due and Payable.
- Consideration and Action on any other related Ordinances and Resolutions pertaining to the City of Cranston 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

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/s/ Aram G. Garabedian, Council President

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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, May 9, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 5th day of May, 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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**“RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CRANSTON TO INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD THEREON (\$8,500,000 – Sewer System)”**

On motion by Councilman Lanni, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

The following amendments were made to various departments:

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend “Library-Part-time Help” #51113 from \$403,000 to \$481,496, an increase of \$78,496. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend “Library-Hospitalization” to \$192,820. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend “Municipal Indebtedness Required Reserve Fund” #5101-5446 to \$150,000, a decrease of \$100,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend “Municipal Indebtedness Required Reserve Fund” #5101-5446 to \$100,000, a decrease of \$50,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend “Municipal Court Part-Time Help” #0555-5113 to \$22,400. Motion passed on a vote of 6-2 with 1 abstention. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Fung and Barone -2. Councilman Pisaturo abstained.

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On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "City Council-Hospitalization" #0201-21254 to \$7,309, a decrease of \$4,300. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "City Council" #0201-54094 to add "Charter Review Commission" in the amount of \$4,200. Motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung and Barone -3.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "Public Works-Public Safety-Traffic Sign Materials" #2821-53022 to \$17,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend "Public Works" #2821 by creating a new account "Signage-Cranston United Against Violence and Abuse Program" from \$-0- to \$3,000, an increase of \$3,000.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Fung questioned if this program would be run by the City and what is this funding for. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that there are members on this board, including School Department personnel, a member from the Mayor's Office and herself. The money is already there. This is an internal program within the City. Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "Executive-Part-time Help" #0101-51113 from \$4,800 to \$-0-. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend "Library-Books and Care" #4201-54303 by increasing it by \$34,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

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On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Library-Property Maintenance" #54305 to \$85,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "Library-On Line Resources" #55160 by increasing it by \$17,400. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Library-Salary" #4201-51101 to \$1,382,912, a decrease of \$853. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Library-Hospitalization Buyback" #51249 to \$52,982. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Library-Federal Old Age Benefits" #51251 to \$105,793, a decrease of \$65.00. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Library-Pension Contribution" #5125 to \$43,423, a decrease of \$27.00. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

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On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Salary" #0501 to \$323,581, an increase of \$6,818.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the change would be for the following:

- City Clerk and Clerk of Probate changed to Grade 37 Step 6, Salary of \$65,188;
- Assistant City Clerk changed to Grade 25 Step 6, Salary of \$48,286;
- Senior Clerk I/II changed to Grade 14 Step 7, Salary of \$33,239;
- Senior Clerk I/II changed to Grade 14 Step 7, Salary of \$33,239

Offsets are \$4,383 decrease in Hospitalization Buyback, Photostatic Operation decrease of \$4,000 and Zone Change reduction of \$1,800.

Roll Call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Overtime" #501-51114 to \$7,524, an increase of \$1,024. The differential line item does not need to be amended as it's sufficient to cover the approved increases for the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Hospitalization Buyback" #501-511249 to \$6,400, a decrease of \$4,383. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Federal Old Age Benefits" #501-51251 to \$24,870, an increase of \$522.00. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Photostatic Operation" #501-54222 to \$15,000, a decrease of \$4,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

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On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Zone Change" #501-54277 to \$9,200, a decrease of \$1,800. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Probate Advertising" #501-54279 to \$15,819, an increase of \$1,819. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to amend "Miscellaneous Boards and Commission" add new board entitled "Drainage Study Commission" by adding \$5,000 from the City Auditor's position.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that this would be a transfer. This is being funded for stenographic expenses for their meetings. Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 6-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Fung, Council Member Fogarty and Councilman Barone -3.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Fire Department-Uniforms" #2101-54016 decreased from \$100,000 to \$60,000 and creating a new line item entitled "Protective Clothing" in the amount of \$40,000. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to remove "Interest Income" in #1401-44111 and add the difference to the vacant cashier's position in "Treasury and Tax Collections" as Step I/II, same as Senior Clerk's.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Grimes stated that in terms of the Cashier's positions, what is being proposed at this time is to increase the pay grade for existing employees while the Administration has agreed with the Union to down grade new employees. This is not consistent and the Administration is not proposing this.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Lanni and Barone -4.

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On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Treasury and Tax Collections-Salary" #1901-51101 to \$296,255, an increase of \$2,792. Motion passed on a vote of 5-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Lanni and Barone -4.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Treasury and Tax Collections-Social Security" #1901-51251 to \$22,976, an increase of \$218.00. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston and Lanni -3. Councilman Barone was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Treasury and Tax Collections-Extra Vacation" #1901-51103 to \$4,245, an increase of \$54.00. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston and Lanni -3. Councilman Barone was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Pisaturo, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, it was voted to amend "Harbor Master" to add \$3,000 for "Gasoline and Equipment" to be taken from the Contingency Reserve Fund. Motion passed on a vote of 6-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, and Barone -2. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Pisaturo, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Police Department" by transferring \$3,307 from the Contingency Reserve Fund to the Salary Line item #51101 and change "Police Commander" to "Police Major".  
Under Discussion:

Councilman Lanni asked what the difference is between a Commander's position and a Major's position. Councilman Pisaturo stated that you have to be a Lieutenant or a Captain at least three years time and grade. Councilman Barone asked for clarification of time and grade for Commander. Colonel McGrath stated that the proposal is one year as a Captain. Council Vice-President McFarland asked if the testing for this position will be written or oral. Colonel McGrath stated that the position will be administrative and appointed. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that this would be in violation of the City Charter. Colonel McGrath stated that the Charter is not specific. Councilman Livingston asked Solicitor to check this provision of the Charter. Solicitor Glucksman stated that the Charter does not specify.

Council President Garabedian stated the plan is that the Commander would be involved with outside operations. No question that this will be the number two position. The position has to be classified and needs to have examination, not unusual to have both written and oral. The Council will put forth an Ordinance making this classified.

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Councilman Livingston stated that he believes this should be left as the Colonel wants. Councilman Pisaturo stated that creating this position opens up the possibility abuse, patriotism and nepotism. He would like to see fair and open process.

Councilman Barone stated that he will vote against this. Councilman Lanni stated that the Council did not appoint the Colonel, they ratified the appointment after the Mayor appointed him.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 4-5. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Member Fogarty, Councilman Lanni and Council Vice-President McFarland -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Barone and Council President Garabedian -5.

Council President Garabedian stated that we need an Ordinance establishing the grade and requirement. He stated that he will introduce an Ordinance setting procedure for the testing for this position.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to amend the "Police Department" "Commander Position" at Grade 8 Step 1 and the "Major's Position" at Grade 9 Step 1. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Pisaturo -1.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Council Member Bucci, it was voted to amend "Municipal Court" #055-5400 "Expense" from \$10,000 to \$15,000, an increase of \$5,000 for night court; #055-5110 "Salary" add \$7,500, a decrease for Municipal Court Judge to \$15,000; add Auxiliary Judge for \$10,000; "Social Security" amended to \$18,416. Reduction would come from Council Auditor's Salary from \$52,000 to \$34,925. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1 with one abstention. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Fung -1. Councilman Pisaturo abstained.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to amend "Municipal Court", "Municipal Court Judge" to Grade 15 Step 1 and "Auxiliary Judge" to Grade 10 Step 1. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1 with one abstention. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Fung -1. Councilman Pisaturo abstained.

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On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "City Council – Expenses" #0201-54061 for elderly tax survey and take this amount from #0201-536 "Mayor's Part-Time Help".

Under Discussion:

Councilman Livingston stated that this is a waste of \$5,000. We already know that our citizens are being overtaxed, elderly and young. Council Member Fogarty suggested including the survey with the tax bills. Council President Garabedian stated that this survey would be done in-house. Councilman Fung stated that the City cannot do a survey in-house. You need to obtain an expert so we would get valid response rate and valid responses. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that it would be better to go to the General Assembly for approval to give us authority to increase the exemption in the City.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 3-5. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni and Council President Garabedian -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -5. Council Member Fogarty was not present for roll call vote. Council President Garabedian stated that he will personally pay for this survey.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend "Public Works" #3101-51101 "Salary" from \$207,703 to \$196,653 for proposed increase for Director of Public Works and Highway Superintendent.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone stated that doing a salary comparison with other cities and towns, Cranston is very low in both positions. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the Public Works Director does not receive any overtime and the City does not pay enough for this position. She used the flood, which occurred in October, as an example, where she stated that the Director of Public Works spent a lot of time on the job and did not receive any overtime. Council President Garabedian suggested increase not by more than 50% of what is being proposed by the Mayor.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 2-7. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Pisaturo and Council President Garabedian -2. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -7.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to amend position of the "Highway Superintendent" "Salary" #3102-51101 from \$54,665 to \$49,583 for total Salary line item from \$1,456,716 to \$1,451,633.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Fung stated that the Highway Superintendent's salary is significantly underpaid compared to other cities and towns and he also does not receive overtime. Councilman Lanni stated that this person left the City and then came back. Next year is another budget. If this employee proves to be as capable as the Director of Public Works, he would have no problem increasing the salary at that time. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the City Treasurer, who is paid approximately \$44,000 has taken on additional duties in the IT Department, and has not been given a raise. She cannot see rewarding someone with a raise who has left the City government and came back while not giving a raise to others who have taken on additional duties.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

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On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Police Department" by removing additional police offer position.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone questioned why the Council would want to cut a position to a department who is already short and night court has just been added and Police staffing would be needed for that. Council President Garabedian stated that he feels this is the time to delete a position when we already added a Commander position. Councilman Lanni stated that we are not creating a new position with the Commander position. This is an extra position that we do not need. Council President Garabedian stated that the Audit Report indicated that we had an excess amount of detectives. To date, the Council has not heard from the Administration or Police Department addressing this issue. Colonel McGrath stated that with the addition of the Commander position, the number of patrol officers will stay exactly the same. Council President Garabedian withdrew his motion and Councilman Lanni withdrew his second.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Highway Superintendent" position to Grade 27 Step 8. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Senior Services" "Revenue Adult Day Services" #4503-42801 increasing it by \$2,000 and "Expenses" #544-420 increasing it by \$2,000. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. Councilman Livingston was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Public Safety" by creating a new line item "Tree Services" in the amount of \$4,500, which would come from the Required Reserve Account Fund. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Council Member Bucci, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -9.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to amend "Inspections Department" to address Permit Technician position. No roll call vote was taken on this motion.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to amend "Inspections Department" by classifying "Permit Technician" position. Motion failed on a tie vote of 4-4. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty and Councilman Barone -4. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

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On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Fung, it was voted to amend "Inspections Department" #2301 by changing the position of "Inspections Aide" to "Permit Technician" employee #5262; #51113 "Part-Time Help" changed to \$9,787; #51101 "Federal Old Age Benefits" changed to \$49,756; #51252 "Pension Contributions" changed to \$33,264; Grade changed from 13 Step 5/6 to Grade 19 Step 3/4 Salaries increased to \$64,492.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the expert consultant that was hired to look into this department did not ask to cut or eliminate a position. The consultant asked to create a technician position. She noted that all the technician positions in this department are classified positions, which are tested. She would support a new job being created and tested. Mr. Grimes stated that the expert consultant said to hire a permit technician person. The Administration is not looking to add a new position. It is not necessary. The proposal is to make the permitting process a little smoother. This is just a \$5,000 increase. Kevin Burke, Building and Zoning Inspector, appeared to speak and stated that if the Inspections Aide position is eliminated, he questioned who will do the work that this person is doing right now. Mr. Grimes stated that some of the work will be continued by the Permit Technician and some of the work will be shared by the Data Entry Clerk. There have been 2 ½ positions added in this department in the last few years and if needed, that work could be shared among those staff members. Mr. Burke asked if this new position will be a classified, open competitive position. Mr. Grimes stated that this position will be an unclassified position as the current Inspections Aide position is. This position, in his mind, does not lend itself to be tested. Council President Garabedian stated that in his opinion, we would be violating the City Charter if this position is not classified.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni and Barone -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Pisaturo, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -3. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Member Fogarty, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend "School Department" #6201-42501 from \$2,124,530 to \$2,204,130 and "Expense" #55220 amended to \$123,871,057.

Under Discussion:

Council Member Fogarty stated that the School Department has brought to her attention that the original budget presented to the Administration, but prior to being presented to the Council, there was approximately \$8,000 difference in the Revenue side and they would like to see it corrected.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 7-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Livingston -1. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

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On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to amend "Capital Budget" by adding \$400,000.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Schiappa asked that the Council amend the Capital Budget for additional \$400,000 under the "Public Works Public Buildings Bond" for public buildings, which would be used for improvements at the Ice Rink. Council Member Fogarty asked how much it has cost the City so far for repairs to the Ice Rink fire. Mr. Schiappa stated that the Council has already appropriated \$250,000, which would go for new showers, new locker rooms and testing of the existing piping system. Councilman Lanni asked how much it would cost to build a new Ice Rink. Mr. Schiappa stated approximately three times the amount.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 6-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilman Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Pisaturo and Lanni -2. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Barone, it was voted to approve total Capital Budget proposal as amended with the \$400,000.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that there is no update, as requested by the Council, on the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget. She does not see how the Council can approve this Capital Budget without knowing what areas are going to be done first. Mr. Grimes stated that a list could be provided, but that list would change because priorities change.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve the Sewer Enterprise Fund as amended by the Council. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -7. Councilman Pisaturo and Council Member Bucci were not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Livingston, it was voted to table the Capital Budget and it be taken up on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 8:00 PM and have Administration identify what areas they would be proposing as projects for next year. Motion passed on a vote of 5-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Livingston, Councilman Lanni, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Fung, Council Member Fogarty and Councilman Barone -3. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

**"ORDINANCE MAKING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF CRANSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007"**

On motion by Councilman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Lanni, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

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**“ORDINANCE FIXING THE DATE WHEN TAXES ARE ASSESSED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005 WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE AND THE DATE WHEN UNPAID TAXES WILL CARRY A PENALTY”**

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Fung, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF VALUATIONS AND LEVY OF TAXES”**

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

**“ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED ‘PUBLIC SERVICES’”**

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman Barone, the above Ordinance was adopted on a vote of 8-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston, Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -8. Council Member Bucci was not present for roll call vote.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 P.M. until Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Meredith Mahoney, Stenotypist)