

## SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

-SEPTEMBER 12, 2005-

A Special meeting of the Cranston City Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2005 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Council President Garabedian. Roll Call showed the following members present: Councilmen Pisaturo, Fung, Livingston (appeared at 6:55 P.M.), Council Member Fogarty, Councilmen Lanni, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian –8.

Absent: Council Member Bucci -1.

Also Present: Mayor Laffey; Paul Grimes, Director of Administration; Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor; Nancy Garcia-Ponte, Assistant City Solicitor; Pat Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel; Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor.

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The City 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 2.04.06 of the City Code, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to be held on

Monday, September 12, 2005 at 6:45 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave.,  
Cranston, RI. 02910

The following items of business shall be transacted:

- Ordinance 6-05-4 “Transferring Appropriations and Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Transfer). Amended by City Council 8/22/2005.
- Ordinance 6-05-5 “Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 (FY 06 Budget Inc. – Architectural Tech.). Amended by City Council 8/22/2005.
- Presentation of Mayor’s Objections filed August 30, 2005 on the following Ordinances passed by the Council on August 22, 2005:  
Ordinance 5S-05-2 “In Amendment of Chapter 12 entitled ‘Parks and Recreational Facilities’ (Use of City Owned Recreational Facilities).  
Ordinance 5S-05-3 “In Amendment of Chapter 12 entitled ‘Parks and Recreational Facilities’ (Use of City Owned Recreational Facilities).  
Ordinance 5-05-1 “In Amendment of Chapter 2 entitled ‘Administration and Personnel’ (Hiring of Outside Legal Counsel).

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

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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 Monday, September 12, 2005 at 6:45 P.M. in Council Chambers, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. was delivered via electronic mail on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005 and regular mail, postage prepaid to the addresses listed below.

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/s/ Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk

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Mayor Laffey asked to address the Council members regarding the contract ratified by the School Teachers last week. He stated that he attempted to obtain a copy of the Fiscal Note and a copy of the Contract and he could not get one. He was promised and assured by Assistant School Superintendent Scherza that he would be sent this information. He had asked for this information because he and the Council need to know what the cost of the contract would be for the three years. Five days ago he received a handout but it did not include a Fiscal Note. He is appalled at this and by the fact that most of the Council members were not present when the contract was ratified by the School Committee. He cannot see the City Council rewarding this kind of behavior with an additional \$1 million when the handout he received indicates that they do not need it. He asked that the Council send the School Department and School Committee a strong message tonight that they did not do it the right way.

**ORDINANCE 6-05-4 “TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Transfer)”. Amended by the City Council 8/22/2005.**

On motion by Councilman Pisaturo, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to table this Ordinance. Motion passed 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.

**ORDINANCE 6-05-5 “AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2005 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 (FY 06 Budget Inc.-Architectural Tech.). “Amended by the City Council 8/22/2005.**

On motion by Councilman Pisaturo, 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 Vice-President McFarland stated that she has just received a phone call from Council Member Bucci and she was in the parking lot of City Hall and received a call and has a family emergency and had to leave, so she will not be attending this meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF MAYOR’S OBJECTIONS FILED AUGUST 30, 2005 ON THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 22, 2005:**

City Clerk read the Mayor’s veto statement regarding the following three Ordinances.

- **“Ordinance 5S-05-2 In Amendment of Chapter 12 entitled ‘Parks and Recreational Facilities’ (Use of City Owned Recreational Facilities).”**

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to move this Ordinance to the regular monthly Council meeting. 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.

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- **“Ordinance 5S-05-3 In Amendment of Chapter 12 entitled ‘Parks and Recreational Facilities’ (Use of City Owned Recreational Facilities).”**

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Pisaturo, it was voted to move this Ordinance to the regular monthly Council meeting. 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.

- **“Ordinance 5-05-1 In Amendment of Chapter 2 entitled ‘Administration and Personnel’ (Hiring of Outside Legal Counsel).”**

On motion by Councilman Pisaturo, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to move this Ordinance to the regular monthly Council meeting. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Maria Medeiros Wall  
City Clerk

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

(See Stenographic Notes of Heather Finger, Stenotypist).