

Council Member Fogarty stated that during the Budget process, she suggested suing some of the attorneys handling the City's cases in the past and was told that to pursue them would be like suing ourselves. She stated that she understands we have an attorney we have hired pursuing this and she would like a copy of this attorney's contract. Ms. Alston stated that she will provide a copy tomorrow.

Council Member Fogarty asked to view the contract of the private detective hired to investigate highway workers and crossing guards. Mr. Grimes stated that this information will be available in the Solicitor's Office and will not be available to the public.

Councilman Lanni asked how many attorneys the City has. Ms. Alston stated that we currently employ four – Tillinghast, Rusty Robinson, Mike Lepizzera and Adler Pollock. Councilman Lanni asked how many individual attorneys are working for the City. Ms. Alston stated that there could be one or two depending on how many attorneys the firm disseminates to do the work.

Council President Pastore asked that Councilwoman O'Hara speak with the CPA firm and ask them to look at determining how much has been accrued for legal fees and when we could expect that.

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Joe Capirchio appeared to speak as a resident and spoke regarding the "Resolution approving the Administrative Unit Employment Benefits" and stated that he does not think you could take this tool out of the Mayor's hands

## VII. UNDOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

No Business.

## VIII. DOCKETED RESOLUTIONS

### **"RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT WORKERS' FREEDOM RIDE".**

On motion by Councilman Fung, seconded by Councilman McDonough, the above Resolution was adopted on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -9.

### **"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR GENERAL REVIEW THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CITY".**

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Council Member Fogarty, it was voted to remove this item from the Agenda. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -9.

### **"RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 'ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS HANDBOOK".**

On motion by Councilwoman O'Hara, seconded by Councilwoman McFarland, it was voted to refer this Resolution to the Finance Committee for further discussion. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Fung, Jackvony, Councilwoman O'Hara, Council Member Fogarty, Councilwoman McFarland, Councilmen Ferolito, Lanni, McDonough and Council President Pastore -9.

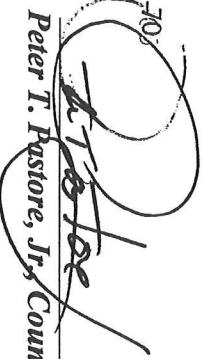
THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM RIDE**

No. 2003-70

*Passed:*  
 September 22, 2003

  
 Peter T. Pastore, Jr., Council President

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's history is synonymous with immigration of people from the nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cranston has, and will continue to have for the foreseeable future, a large immigrant population from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Immigration is essential to the City's economic growth, its social and cultural diversity, and the vitality of its civic life; and

WHEREAS, The security of our City is best protected when no one is forced to live in fear because of his or her immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The interests of the City are not served by the current immigration law which does the following:

- (a) Offers no opportunity for many hard working, taxpaying immigrant residents to become legal residents, and eventually, citizens, of the United States.
- (b) Imposes many hardships on immigrant families wishing to reunite in this state.
- (c) Fails to protect the workplace rights of immigrants who are investing their labor in the state's economy; and
- (d) Fails to provide the legal protections and civil rights afforded to citizens; and

WHEREAS, A national mobilization of individuals and organizations that already support immigration reform, from the United States Chamber of Commerce to the NAACP and the AFL-CIO, from democratic and republican elected officials to the National Immigration Forum and National Council of La Raza, is necessary to restore the momentum for policy change that was swept aside by the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride, which will set out from ten major cities in the United States and cross the country in buses in the fall of 2003, and culminate in delegations meeting Members of Congress in Washington, DC, and a mass show of support for immigrant workers in New York City, will be a powerful vehicle to demonstrate the existence of a broad national constituency for meaningful immigration reform;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cranston hereby does all of the following:

- (a) Endorses the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride (IWFR) and its goals.
- (b) Supports and assists the organization of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in the City of Cranston.
- (c) Calls on legislative bodies throughout the state to adopt similar resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk transmit copies of this Resolution to Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

Sponsored by Councilman Fung

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